

## **Department of Animal Science**

### **External Awards Program**

Texas A&M University is built on six core values: excellence, integrity, leadership, loyalty, respect and selfless service. The Department of Animal Science is committed to developing these core values in current students who are training to become leaders in animal science and agriculture. In addition, the Department commends and honors its former students and friends who have led successful careers according to these same values.

In 2012, the Department of Animal Science introduced an External Awards Program to celebrate outstanding alumni and non-alumni who have brought excellence, integrity, leadership, loyalty, respect and selfless service to the field of animal science.

#### **Purpose:**

The following awards recognize alumni and non-alumni for their outstanding leadership and significant contributions to animal science. Additionally, these awards are designed to acknowledge the impact of animal science on Texas, the United States and the world.

#### **Animal Science Hall of Fame Award**

The Animal Science Hall of Fame Award celebrates outstanding individuals who, through their exceptional work and achievements, have advanced the field of animal science and made a profound difference to the productivity and sustainability of animal agriculture.

#### **Outstanding Alumni Award**

The Animal Science Outstanding Alumni Award recognizes a graduate of the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University who has built a distinguished career in animal science and who has brought honor to the Department of Animal Science and the field of animal science.

#### **Outstanding Young Alumni Award**

The Animal Science Outstanding Young Alumni Award recognizes a graduate of the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University within the past 12 years who has, early in their career, attained prominence in the field of animal science and has brought honor to the Department of Animal Science and the field of animal science.

## **Criteria for Selection:**

The Hall of Fame Award recipient shall:

- Have made a profound difference in advancing and enriching the field of animal science through his/her professional work.
- Possess excellence, integrity, leadership, loyalty, respect and selfless service that merit the recognition of a proven leader in his/her chosen field.
- Have a record of impressive accomplishments which indicates significant achievements and contributions made to the field of animal science at the state, national and/or international level.

The Outstanding Alumni Award recipient shall:

- Be prominently recognized for his/her efforts in animal science and animal agriculture as indicated by a record of impressive accomplishments at state, national and/or international level.
- Have contributed to society through the field of animal science in such a way that brings honor and recognition individually, and thereby, to the Department.
- Possess excellence, integrity, leadership, loyalty, respect and selfless service that merit the recognition of a proven leader in his/her chosen field.
- Maintain a continued interest in the Department of Animal Science.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient shall:

- Within 12 years or less post-graduation, be prominently recognized for his/her efforts in animal science and animal agriculture as indicated by a record of impressive accomplishments at the state, national and/or international level.
- Have contributed to society through the field of animal science in such a way that brings honor and recognition individually, and thereby, to the Department.
- Possess excellence, integrity, leadership, loyalty, respect and selfless service that merit the recognition of a proven leader in his/her chosen field.
- Maintain a continued interest in the Department of Animal Science.

## **Eligibility:**

Hall of Fame Award:

- May or may not be a graduate of the Department of Animal Science or Texas A&M University.
- Posthumous nominations are welcomed.
- Current members of faculty and staff of the Texas A&M University System are not eligible.

The Outstanding Alumni and Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipients:

- Must possess a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree offered by the Department of Animal Science.
- The Outstanding Young Alumni Award nominees must have received their last degree from the Department of Animal Science within the past 12 years. Current students are not eligible.
- Posthumous nominations are welcomed.
- Current members of faculty and staff of the Texas A&M University System are not eligible.

### **Nomination Guidelines**

Nominations are accepted from current members of the Department of Animal Science faculty and staff, and the Department of Animal Science External Advisory Council. Nominations can be made by completing the Department of Animal Science External Awards Program Form. Nominees not selected may be re-nominated in following years.

### **Award Selection Committee**

An anonymous committee of ten faculty members in the Department of Animal Science and five External Advisory Council members will be selected by the Department Head to review all nominations and select winners by submission of a ballot to the Department Head.

### **Award and Presentation**

At least one and no more than three award recipients in each category will be presented each year in at an awards banquet held in conjunction with a meeting of the External Advisory Council. Each recipient will receive a framed plaque and be recognized on a perpetual plaque on display in the Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Center.