

ARS SCIENCE HALL OF FAME AWARDS PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The Agricultural Research Service is one of the most important and highly regarded research organizations in the world. This is largely due to the accomplishments, stature, credibility, commitment, and influence of the scientists who work or have worked for ARS. This prestigious program honors those scientists whose extraordinary personal contributions have helped shape the history, culture, science record, and public perception of ARS; and have helped advance U.S. agriculture.

More specifically, this program recognizes outstanding ARS scientists who, through their research, have made widely recognized impact on food and agriculture and who serve or have served as role models for other scientists. Scientists of this stature have made extraordinary career accomplishments that have paved the way for further research in an area of agricultural science and/or have significantly influenced the development of science-based agriculture programs and policy, nationally and/or internationally.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations may be made of current or former ARS scientists who are either retired or retirement eligible. Scientists who are deceased may be nominated and recognized posthumously. Team nominations will not be accepted.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominations must address the following criteria:

- o Major impact on agriculture by developing a solution to a significant agricultural problem through research.
- o Science accomplishments and stature that continue to impact the agricultural research community and/or influence the development of science-based agriculture policy.
- o Achievements that have brought major recognition and credibility to ARS and/or USDA.
- o Recognition nationally and/or internationally by his/her peers in the scientific community.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

Any ARS employee may submit a nomination of a scientist. Nominations must fully support the accomplishments, achievements, and impact of the scientist. Letters of reference will not be accepted. The nomination format is attached.

Nominations should be forwarded through the appropriate Area Office or the Deputy Administrator, National Program Staff, for purposes of establishing eligibility, prior to submitting to the Human Resources Division.

The Administrator will appoint a diverse selection committee composed of at least five subject matter experts from the following categories to evaluate the nominations and make a recommendation. All selections are approved by the Administrator.

1. Member from the Office of the Secretary's Staff
2. Agency Administrator within USDA
3. Deputy Administrator or Associate Deputy Administrator, NPS
4. ARS science manager
5. Senior scientist from the academic community
6. Current ARS Distinguished Scientist of the Year
7. Member of the ARS Hall of Fame
8. Senior scientist from the private sector
9. Retired ARS scientist/manager

NATURE OF RECOGNITION

The award recipients will be recognized at the annual ARS Science Hall of Fame Program in September. Each winner will be presented a plaque commemorating the award, and a reception and banquet will be held in their honor. An additional plaque and an audio-taped interview with each recipient will be added to the Hall of Fame display at the ARS National Visitor Center in Beltsville, Maryland.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORMAT

NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS:

(If deceased, list closest living relative.)

TITLE AND LOCATION:

(List present position or last position held with ARS.)

PREVIOUS AWARDS:

CITATION: (Not more than 25 words.)

JUSTIFICATION:

(The justification **must specifically address each of the selection criteria** and should fully support scientific accomplishments, achievement, and impact. Limit of no more than three pages.)

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: (If appropriate.)

NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF NOMINATOR: