



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

College of Agriculture
& Life Sciences

Outstanding Alumni Award & Outstanding Early Career Alumni Award

Guidelines

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University educates leaders to feed our world, grow our economy, improve our health and enrich our youth. For more than 100 years we have maintained this strong tradition of leadership across the agricultural, natural resources and scientific industries. Through our strong teaching, research and extension programs, the College is committed to the future. Our dedication to the land-grant mission distinguishes the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Texas A&M University as one of the leading colleges and universities in the state, nation and world.

Many Texas A&M Former Students who graduated from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences have gained unique distinction for their varied accomplishments and achievements. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award Program recognizes and honors the achievements of its graduates.

Established in 1992, the outstanding alumni award recognizes those graduates who distinguish themselves by reaching a significant level of accomplishment in their careers and who possess the highest standards of integrity and character which bring honor to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Established in 2012, the outstanding early career alumni award recognizes graduates who are 15 years or less post-graduation. These outstanding former students have made significant contributions early in their career, public service and/or volunteer activities and possess the highest standards of integrity and character which bring honor to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Purpose

The purpose of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni and Early Career Alumni Award Program is to recognize and honor graduates from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University for their outstanding leadership and significant contributions in career, public service and/or volunteer activities.

Criteria for Selection

The recipient shall demonstrate one or more of the following criteria:

- Have attained prominence through his/her efforts in agriculture, natural resources, life sciences, or other related areas of science, business, education or government and public service.
- Possess integrity, stature and demonstrated ability that merits the recognition of a proven leader in his/her chosen field.
- Have a record of impressive accomplishments which indicate significant achievements and contributions at the state, national and/or international level.
- Have a demonstrated interest in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Texas A&M University such as guest lectures, visits to campus, development opportunities, etc.

Eligibility

- All nominees must possess an undergraduate or graduate degree from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.
- Early Career Alumni nominees must be less than 15 years from the receipt of their last degree from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.
- Posthumous nominations are welcomed.
- Nominations must be submitted for individuals only – team nominations are not eligible.
- Current members of the faculty or staff of the College, the agencies of Texas A&M AgriLife or the Texas A&M University System are not eligible for this award.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are accepted from any alumnus, friend of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and/or any faculty or staff member (self-nominations will also be accepted).

The following items must be included in the nomination packet:

- **Nomination Form** (use appropriate form)
- **Letter of Nomination** (2-page limit; no smaller than 11 point font)
Letter of nomination should include:
 - Significant achievements and contributions at state, national or international level
 - Recognition of efforts in agriculture, natural resources, life sciences or related areas, business, education or government and public service
 - Noteworthy accomplishments such as research, inventions, publications, volunteer service and/or professional business achievements
 - Involvement/demonstrated interest in Texas A&M University and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- **Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume** to include business, public service and professional honors and awards; noteworthy research, inventions, publications or professional business accomplishments OR
Biographical Summary which describes the nominee's accomplishments as they relate to his/her contributions to their field, community and the world
- **Letters of Support/Recommendation** Nominators are encouraged to submit up to three letters of support (two-page maximum per letter). Letters should be included in the packet and addressed to the following:

Selection Advisory Committee
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Outstanding Alumni and Outstanding Early Career Alumni Awards
Texas A&M University
2142 TAMU
College Station, Texas 77843-2142

NOTE: Nominations which are not selected during the year in which the nomination is submitted will be carried forward for two additional years to be considered for a total of three years (adopted 8/95).

Selection Advisory Committee

An anonymous committee of five to seven individuals will review all nominations submitted for the annual College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni and Early Career Alumni Award. Appointed by the Dean of the College, the committee will be composed of:

- 3 – 4 members of the faculty and staff of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.
- 2 – 3 external representatives

Award and Presentation

At least one and no more than three awards will be presented each year at an appropriate prestigious occasion. The award shall consist of a framed memento citing the individual's accomplishments and a medallion.

(8/26/92- AWARD CREATION)
(4/94 - AMENDED)
(8/95 - AMENDED)
(1997 - AMENDED - changes consistent with recommendations from Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Selection Committee)
(2009 – inclusion of term “selection advisory committee.”)
(2012 – revisions to selection advisory committee membership and addition of Early Career Alumni Award)
(2013 – revised nomination form and nomination requirements)
(2017 – revised criteria to include one or more)
(2022 – revised selection committee to include 5-7 members)
(2023 – revised criteria to include CV/resume OR biographical summary)