

Arrell Global Food Innovation Award 2025

Nomination Instructions

Introduction

The Arrell Global Food Innovation Award recognizes global excellence in the broad area of food innovation and community impact. In 2025, one award will be given:

- o **Community Impact:** This award will recognize an individual, or group of individuals, who has contributed to improved nutritional health and/or food security, with a focus on strengthening disadvantaged communities.

Likely themes include: *food sovereignty, food production, food distribution/access, food insecurity, community development and governance, household nutrition, urban poverty, traditional food systems, socioeconomic policy, empowerment of under-served communities, food and nutrition literacy.*

Criteria

The criteria for awarding the Arrell Global Food Innovation Award is as follows:

- The individual or group being nominated will have made exceptionally significant and documented contributions at the community level in markedly improving nutrition, including access to, or distribution of food.
- The nomination package must clearly demonstrate alignment with our mission, which is to produce more healthy and nutritious food with less environmental impact and economic inequality, “more with less”.
- The nomination package should not be a proposal or a request for funding.
- Nominees must be able to attend the award ceremony and ancillary events.

Terms of the prize

The Arrell Global Food Innovation Award comes with the following terms:

- The prize will be worth \$125,000 CAD comprising a \$100,000 cash award for the use of the recipient and up to \$25,000 for travel and accommodation of the recipient, administered by the Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph.
- An award citation and a commemorative item will also be presented.
- The recipient is expected to participate in a program of events. In particular, the award recipient may be asked to attend the next Arrell Food Summit and other engagements.

Eligibility

- Citizens of any country are eligible for nomination, with no restrictions on gender, race, religion, creed or residency.
- Nominations may come from private companies, academic institutions, governmental units, charitable foundations, and not-for-profit organizations. In the case of multiple

nominations from a single organization, only the one with the latest date will be accepted.

Nomination procedure

Academic institutions, governmental units or private / public organizations may submit a nomination for the Arrell Global Food Innovation Award. Each organization may submit one application for the award. Nomination packages are strictly confidential and the identities of nominators, nominating organizations and nominees are kept in strict confidence, except for the winner. Self-identified demographic information will be collected to monitor our ongoing efforts to consider the full range of human achievement. The nomination package must clearly demonstrate how the individual or group being nominated played a critical leadership role in achieving the outcomes, and must include the following:

- Information on the nomination (suggested length – up to one page):
 - Nominee’s name(s), current position, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number.
 - The name and contact details of the organization submitting the nomination.
 - An endorsement by a senior official (President, Vice-President, Managing Director, Chief Executive, Chair, Dean) of the nominating organization, verifying the accuracy of the information and endorsing the nominee(s) as the only nomination from the organization.
 - How or where you found out about the award.
- Nomination statement (suggested length 3-5 pages):
 - Description of the nominee’s achievement in terms of contributions at the community level.
 - Your nomination statement must outline your impact to date and make a case for how this award will support the expansion and growth of your mission. Consider balancing your accomplishments with a forward-facing lens, however each nominee will be in a unique stage of development, and it will be up to your discretion to describe opportunities emerging from this award.
 - Description of the impact of the nominee’s contribution.
 - Cross referencing to the letters of support and additional documents as described in the next two points.
- Letters of support from up to 3 individuals and/or organizations who know the nominee’s work, but are not directly associated with the nominee’s work or organization (suggested length up to 4 pages).
- Additional documents that could include: articles describing the nominee’s contributions and/or the impact of her/his/their work; other awards and recognitions; publications by or about the nominee that directly relate to their contribution (suggested length up to 5 pages).

Additional requirements:

- In total, nomination packages must be no longer than 15 pages and presented as one document in portrait or landscape format. Cover emails will not be considered by the adjudicators.
- All documents must be submitted by **12:00 p.m. ET on April 24, 2025** in Adobe (.pdf) format to afiawards@uoquelfh.ca and this is also the address for any inquiries.

Receipt of all nomination packages will be acknowledged.

- Refer to our website <https://arrellfoodinstitute.ca/awards/> for status updates on award selection.
- Only the winner will be contacted.
- The award announcement details will be posted on this page of our website in due course.

Timelines

We reserve the right to make changes to the process as necessary. We will make any changes transparently and without giving advantage to any nominees or groups.

Our expected timeline is as follows:

- March 14, 2025: Open nominations
- April 24, 2025: Nominations close
- June 2025: Adjudication Panel meets to select winner
- August 2025: Announcement of winner

