Distinguished Teacher Award

Name of Award: The American Society of Animal Science Distinguished Teacher Award.

Nature of Award: A specified monetary award and a plaque.

Purpose: Recognition of distinguished teachers of undergraduate and/or graduate courses in animal science.

Eligibility for Nomination: Be currently employed in teaching at the time of nomination, and to have been actively teaching for a period of not less than 8 years. This does not exclude section heads, department heads, or deans, providing they were also personally engaged in undergraduate and/or graduate classroom teaching during the school year. If disability or retirement is involved, nominees must have engaged in undergraduate and/or graduate teaching within 36 months prior to January 1 of the year in which presentation of the award is made.

Criteria for Evaluation of Nominees:

- Ability to motivate and stimulate students.
- The impression made on students by the mastery of the subject, techniques, vision and attitudes of the nominee.
- Evidence of continual interest in the improvement of teaching.
- The content and nature of the courses taught, with emphasis placed on responsibilities, organization of teaching materials, original contributions to teaching and ability to translate research into terms of useful practice.
- Diversification of activities such as student counselor; training and placement; advisor for student clubs; service on departmental, college, and university committees; and research and extension activities. (Not all of these are essential as factors in consideration for the award).
- Extracurricular activities beyond regular teaching duties.
- Service to agriculture and related industries.
Dossier must include the following materials:

- CV/Biography of the nominee.
- Summary statement (not to exceed 8000 characters and spaces) describing the importance of the nominee’s contributions to the livestock industry.
- Letters in support of the nominee from not less than five or more than 9 current or former students.
- Letters from at least one representative of the nominee's institution regarding the nominee's activities in the areas defined in V. 1-7 above.
- A list of materials developed or published by the nominee. This list should include items useful in teaching Animal Science, such as course outlines, curricula, books, research reports, visual aids, charts, tools or other contributions. Examples of the above items may not be included in the dossier.
- A letter from at least one, but not more than four, persons representing agriculture and related industries stating the service of the nominee to animal agriculture.
- Citation for printing and reading (not to exceed 1000 characters and spaces).
- Photo of nominee (photo will only be used in the awards program and will not be visible to the award review committee).