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Excellence in Research Innovation Awards

2026 AGINNOVATION SPRING BUSINESS MEETING



CHANGES TO AWARDS

Two New Categories for Excellence in Agricultural Research Innovation

Early Career Scientists

Assistant Professional Rank

<5-6 years

Mid-career Scientists

Associate Professional Rank

up to 10 years post-promotion

All Excellence in Agricultural Research Innovation Award Nominations are due March 15!

CHANGES TO AWARDS SCORING METRICS

Rating Category/Subcategory		Original Weighting	Proposed Weighting
Demonstrated high impact of research, ...		50%	60%
	Relevance to one or more of the Grand Challenges	20%	--*
	Explain the translation, adoption, and/or impact (or potential impact on policy, environment, economic benefits, productivity and/or efficiency) ...	20%	30%
	Effective collaborations	10%	20%
	Mentoring & development of students and other scientists		10%
Recognized excellence in one's field of expertise		40%	40%
	Grant funding history including the nominee's specific role in each project (e.g., principal investigator, co-PI, collaborator)	--	15%
	Publication record and invitations to publish	--	10%
	Contributions as a scientific expert on panels or committees and invitations to present research at national and international conferences	--	10%
	Recognition through professional awards and notable achievements	--	5%
Demonstration of cultural sensitivity and ... inclusivity		10%	--*



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