Distinguished Research Award

Purpose: To recognize outstanding research in the meat industry.

Award: A memento will be provided to each honoree.

Eligibility: The nominee must:

1. Have demonstrated exceptional competency as a researcher in meat science.
2. Be an active researcher during the year in which nominated and have been an active researcher for not less than five years. This does not exclude administrators, providing they were personally involved in research during the year. Where disability is involved, nominees must have engaged in research within 36 months prior to the month of the award presentation.
3. Be judged as a researcher on the following bases:
   a. Creative ability and adherence to sound scientific philosophy and scholarly principles.
   b. Important contributions pertaining to research. Including, but not be limited to, published research data, plans, methods, processes, devices, or inventions that are significant and beneficial to the meat industry through either theoretical or practical application.
   c. Diversification of activities, such as directing graduate/postdoctoral student programs; organizing/chairing special conferences/symposia; invited lectures/participation; service on the nominee's university/company/agency committees, etc. (Not all of these activities are necessary for consideration for the award.)
   d. Recognition by the scientific community includes honors and awards, participation on state, national and international committees, panels, or commissions, etc.
   e. Service to animal agricultural and related industries.

Materials to apply

1. AMSA Award Cover Form, Complete and attach the AMSA Cover Form associated with this award.
2. CV/Resume: Include a list of accomplishments, publications, patents, or other relevant achievements of the nominee *(Limited to two pages*).
3. Award Statement: The Award Statement should demonstrate how the individual fulfills the purpose and eligibility of the award and is deserving of the honor. *Maximum of two pages.*
4. Letters of Recommendation: Maximum of two letters may be attached for all awards. Letters should be from representatives of the institution/organization with which the nominee is affiliated (their administrators, colleagues, or associates) and other persons in the field of meat science and technology or the meat industry, citing the nominee's qualifications concerning the specific award description.
5. Top Achievements Form as the achievements apply to the purpose of this award.

Submit online Intent to Nominate by **January 28, 2026.**
Submit the completed application as one file (NameofNominee_AwardName) by **February 25, 2026**.
More Information Online (AMSA Professional Award Documents and Submission)
Email all completed packets to AMSA Staff (information@meatscience.org)