



From: Faculty Research Development Office
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, 2023 New Innovator in Food and Agriculture Research Award

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The Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) seeks nominations for its 2023 New Innovator in Food and Agriculture Research Award. With this program, FFAR intends to support and promote the future generation of exceptionally talented and creative new faculty who are conducting critical and highly innovative research and are establishing research programs that will lead to expanded availability of food and facilitate the global practice of sustainable agriculture as the world's population grows to more than nine billion people by the year 2050. The New Innovator Award seeks to promote career advancement of highly creative and promising new scientists who intend to make a long-term career commitment to research in food and agriculture and bring innovative, ground-breaking research initiatives and thinking to bear on problems facing food and agriculture. Within the scope of the New Innovator Program, investigators will have the freedom to explore new avenues of inquiry that arise during their research. Therefore, FFAR is interested in the program of research to be explored and its impact as opposed to a list of very specific aims.

It is expected that through this program investigators will have the ability to pursue highly creative ideas, firmly establish their early lines of research into important food and agriculture scientific areas and provide stability in funding during their critical early career years by reducing the time spent on writing applications. FFAR anticipates funding no more than ten (10) awards in the [FFAR Challenge Areas](#) below or FFAR's initiative to address climate change, [AgMission](#):

- [Advanced Animal Systems](#)
- [Health-Agriculture Nexus](#)
- [Next Generation Crops](#)
- [Soil Health](#)
- [Sustainable Water Management](#)
- [Urban Food Systems](#)

Faculty members at eligible institutions with the creative ideas, skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research program as Principal Investigator are invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support. The nominated faculty member must have been hired on or after **August 1, 2019** for a tenure-track or equivalent position and may work in any discipline or any department within the institution. Preference will be given to individuals near the onset of their independent research career and who are within eight (8) years of receiving a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. Individuals with significant research experience prior to obtaining their faculty position will not be considered for this award.

Awards are for up to \$150,000/year for up to three years. Indirect costs are limited to 10% of the total award, including subcontracts, if applicable. Matching funds are not required. Nominations are due to the sponsor by **February 22, 2023** and invited full proposals are due March 8, 2023. More information can be found in the [program solicitation](#).

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to no more than ONE nomination.** If you are interested in submitting to this program, please submit a nomination package by **NOON, February 9, 2023** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered. ****Because of the short turnaround time (this competition was announced very recently), this limited competition will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. This means that the first nomination package we receive that meets the requirements will be given the UNM slot.****

Nomination packages can be submitted by either the nominator or nominee. There are no restrictions regarding who can nominate an individual but given the parameters of the nomination, it is reasonable for the nominator to be at the Director, Chair, or Dean level.

FFAR 2023 New Innovator in Food and Agriculture Research Award Nomination Package **Nomination General Information**

- Nominee's Name
- Nominee's date of appointment to tenure-track or equivalent position (on or after 8/1/2019)
- Nominator Contact Information
- Nominee Contact Information
- FFAR Challenge Area to which the nominee will submit the application
- Program Title
- Geographic Location where the proposed research will take place
- Nominee's research program overview (300-word limit)

Justification for the Nomination

- Explain how this individual is outstanding in their field (300-word limit)
- Why should this nominee receive the FFAR New Innovator Award? (300-word limit)
- How would the institution benefit from this nominee receiving the New Innovator Award? (300-word limit)
- Explain how the institution is and will continue supporting the nominee. (300-word limit)

The limited comp. review committee will provide you with the text necessary to answer the question about how the nominee was selected.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competition at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu for more information.