



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

Subject: Limited Competition: 2021 New Innovator in Food and Agriculture Research Award

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The Foundation for Food & Agricultural Research (FFAR) seeks nominations for its 2021 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.

U.S. institutions of higher education, U.S. nonprofit institutions other than institutions of higher education, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are invited to nominate **one applicant** for the 2021 New Innovator in Food and Agriculture Research Award.

It is expected that through this program investigators will have the ability to pursue highly creative ideas, to 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](#):

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

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, 2017** 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**, however, matching is encouraged to broaden the scope of the program. Nominations are due to the sponsor by March 3, 2021 by 5:00 pm ET and invited full proposals are due May 5, 2021 by 5:00 pm ET. More information can be found at https://foundationfar.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-NIA-Call-for-Nominations_Final-1.pdf.

This is a limited competition; each institution is limited to one nomination. Please submit your nomination package following the instructions below (plus abbreviated nominee CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: FFAR - your name. No late submissions will be considered. 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 of authority.

FFAR 2021 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 8/1/2017)
- Nominator Contact Information
- Nominee Contact Information
- FFAR Challenge Area to which the nominee will submit the application
- Comments on Nominee and nominee's research program (300-word limit)

Justification for the Nomination

- Explain how this individual is outstanding in his/her 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)

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

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