



**IAF Award of Excellence for
Innovation in Agriculture & Agri-Food
2018 Nomination Form**

The Award of Excellence celebrates BC’s agriculture and agri-food leaders who have implemented specific projects or initiatives leading to economic, environmental or social benefits to British Columbia and the industry in general, or to a specific sector.

The award is open to agri-food producers and processors; retail, food service, agri-food and/or private sector businesses; industry associations and organizations; input, technology and support service providers; academic institutions; regional districts and local governments. Applicants must have a head office or be registered in BC.

We invite you to make a nomination (and, yes, you can nominate yourself!). Please review the Award Rules and General Information before proceeding.

PART I: CONTACT INFORMATION

Award Nominee

Nominee	X
Title	
Company/Organization	
Mailing address (street, city, province, postal code)	X
Daytime telephone	X
Fax	X
Email	X

Nominated by

Name (if different from above)	X
Title	
Company/Organization	X
Mailing Address (street, city, province, postal code)	X
Daytime telephone	X
Fax	
Email	X

The nominee has a head office or is registered in BC

The nominee has been notified of nomination and is willing to participate in publicity activities

Send the completed nomination package to:

Investment Agriculture Foundation of British Columbia
 Courier: 3rd Floor, 808 Douglas Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2Z7
 Mail: PO Box 8248, Victoria, BC V8W 3R9
 Attention: Communications

Nomination packages can also be submitted electronically to srostami@iafbc.ca. All nominations and materials submitted become the property of Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC and will not be returned.

***** The deadline for receipt of nominations is January 31, 2018 *****

PART II: INNOVATION DESCRIPTION

1. Why is this person, team or organization being nominated for the Award of Excellence for Innovation in Agriculture and Agri-Food?

Tip: Refer to the evaluation criteria and consider such things as the degree of innovative thinking, problem-solving, adaptability and/or creativity; the extent of effort required to discover, create or conceive of the innovative work; and the nominee's contribution to industry or sector advancement.

2. What is their innovative contribution? What makes the innovative contribution original or unique?
3. Has the innovative contribution had a recognizable impact (e.g., resulted in a product or service, a new use for an existing product, and/or increased profitability of client service; or resulted in demonstrable social or environmental value)?
4. What benefit does the nominee's contribution represent to BC and the BC agriculture and agri-food industry? Please answer all that are applicable.

Economic

What are the commercial applications (potential or actual) of the innovation? How will it help advance the capacity or capabilities of the agriculture and agri-food sectors?

Social

What are the social impacts of the innovation? What outcomes/expected changes (e.g., changes in attitudes, behaviours or conditions) came about as a result of this innovation?

Environmental

What are the environmental impacts of the innovation? Who are the primary beneficiaries?

PART III: AWARD RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Nomination Package Requirements

A nomination package is required. Each package should include:

- A signed and completed nomination form
- At least two letters of support
- Not more than five (5) supplementary supporting materials. These can include audio/visual materials (i.e., DVD, CD, photographs), impact statements, financial statements, media coverage, etc.

Evaluation

Nominees are evaluated by a selection committee comprised of individuals knowledgeable about British Columbia's agriculture and agri-food industry. The committee's selection is officially endorsed by the IAF board of directors.

When evaluating nominees, the selection committee will be guided by, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Extent of effort required to discover, create or conceive of the innovation or innovative work
- Degree of innovative thinking, problem-solving, adaptability and/or creativity involved
- Originality and uniqueness of the innovation or innovative work
- Contribution to enhancing collaboration in the agriculture and agri-food industry
- Contribution to advancing the capacity of the agriculture and agri-food industry
- Degree of economic, environmental or social benefit to British Columbia and the BC agri-food industry

Nominees must demonstrate outstanding innovative thinking that has contributed economic, social or environmental benefits to BC or the BC agriculture and agri-food industry.

Award Presentation and Publicity

- The winner will be notified in advance of the award presentation but will be asked to keep the decision confidential until the formal announcement is made.
- The presentation will occur at the IAF Project Showcase on April 12, 2018.
- The Foundation will provide up to two (2) tickets to attend the showcase and luncheon.
- Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses to the gala will be reimbursed.
- The winner will receive a commemorative trophy.
- The Foundation will publicize the winner through media activities and advertising as deemed appropriate. The successful nominee must be willing to cooperate with requests for media coverage and other publicity.

Nominator's Signature:

I, the above-named nominator, hereby certify that I have read and agree to be bound by the Award Rules and General Information:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____