



Nominations for Distinguished Life Members and Distinguished Fellows of the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES)

This document provides information about the nominations process for selecting Distinguished Life Members and Distinguished Fellows, including guidelines for nominations and a link to citations for previous awards.

Guidelines for nominations

- Nominees who already hold one award are still eligible to be nominated for the other award.
- Nominations must clearly address the selection criteria to present a compelling case that the nominee is worthy of an award. Distinguished contributions would generally be above and beyond what is expected of an office bearer in delivering their statutory functions.
- Nominations must be evidence-based and be supported by more than opinion that a nominee meets the selection criteria. Examples of the types of evidence that could be used in the nomination include references to published journal articles, reports, web pages, news stories, or testimonials from colleagues. Nominations must be clear as to what are a nominee's specific and demonstrated contributions that warrant consideration for this honour.
- Citations for previous recipients of these awards (see here for links to past citations: <https://www.aares.org.au/awards/honorary-awards/>) provide further guidance on the nature of accomplishments considered appropriate.
- AARES is committed to reflect the professional make-up of AARES and broad interests of the membership in the process of granting these honours. The committee will take into consideration the awards made over the preceding five years as they make selections to maintain a diversity of scholarship, geographic, gender, and cultural representation of awardees.
- The nominations committee asks for nominations to be submitted in the preferred format if possible:
 - A maximum of eight (8) pages, using 12-point font, double spacing and 2.54cm margins on all four sides of each page, as a single PDF file.
 - Within the page count, please include the names of the nominators, their institutions and contact details, and any statements of testimony regarding the nominee's outstanding achievements.
 - As an appendix, over and above the page count, please provide a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae, or a link to a public site, if appropriate.
- Evidence of consent of the nominee for nomination is not required, although the nominators are encouraged to liaise with the nominee in presenting the case.
- Nominations must be submitted via the online submission system here: <https://form.jotform.com/260418212743855> by the closing date.

To help with drafting a nomination, here are some examples of the types of contributions made by previous recipients and acknowledged in previous citations (see here for links to past citations: <https://www.aares.org.au/awards/honorary-awards/>), although other types of contributions may also be deemed relevant.

Examples for Distinguished Life Member

(a) Examples of outstanding service contributions, which greatly enhance the operation and/or development of AARES:

- Distinguished contributions as an AARES office holder, above and beyond what is expected of an office bearer in delivering their statutory functions, for example:
 - Previous citations have acknowledged outstanding contributions to AARES through roles such as Federal Treasurer, Secretary, or as chair of a committee, such as updating the AARES constitution, modernising AARES' operational systems, or establishing new initiatives. Citations of past recipients have often acknowledged these members' long records of service to AARES at the branch and national levels.
 - Previous citations have acknowledged outstanding contributions to AARES through the organisation of AARES annual conferences or conferences such as the International Association of Agricultural Economists. For example, past citations have acknowledged contributions through key roles on conference organising committees to organise multiple conferences with successful outcomes for AARES.

(b) Examples of sustained and distinguished contributions to the community through policy, administration, extension, business, or public service in Australasia in a field relevant to AARES, including agricultural economics, environmental economics, food economics, resource economics or agribusiness.

- Making significant contributions to the community through their career and public service in Australasia as an economist. For example, past recipients have been cited for making distinguished contributions throughout their careers, by working in fields such as policy, research and development, or extension, to support agricultural industries.
- Undertaking research for a range of private and public organisations at the national or international level. For example, past recipients have been cited for their contributions to organisations such as ACIAR, the EU Commission, FAO, OECD, and other industry or sector groups.
- Contributing through senior leadership roles. For example, past citations have referred to contributions made through service as an ambassador, government minister, principal economic advisor to an Australian Prime Minister, or as a chair of a board, government advisory committees, or high-level government review. Past citations have acknowledged contributions through these types of roles as prominent contributions to economic debate, and through advocating for sound economic decisions in resource management.

Examples for Distinguished Fellow

1. Examples of sustained and distinguished contributions to at least one of the following: research, teaching, research-based policy development, and/or leadership of outstanding research or teaching programs. The contribution(s) must be in a field relevant to AARES, including agricultural economics, environmental economics, food economics, resource economics or agribusiness.
 - Research
 - Past citations have acknowledged sustained and distinguished contributions through a large body of research that includes notable scientific publications in peer-reviewed journal or government reports. These achievements have been identified by referring to evidence such the award of the best paper published in AJARE or other journals, ad quality of research communication awards, or having a paper identified by a journal as a seminal paper.
 - Past citations have acknowledged the number of major research projects the recipient has been involved in or has led nationally or internationally. These projects have covered topics ranging from environmental, resource and agricultural economic issues, development economics, and the adoption of new technologies or practices.
 - Teaching
 - Previous citations have recognised achievements in teaching, particularly through the research supervision of PhD and Masters students. For example, previous recipients have supervised impressive numbers of research students and received prizes for excellence in supervision.
 - Research-based policy development
 - Past citations have recognised service through roles such as leading a government agency or international body relevant to agricultural or resource economics. Past citations have also recognised contributions through membership of technical advisory groups or as a visiting expert to an international policy body.
 - Past citations have recognised contributions to policy development through applied and interdisciplinary research to a variety of problems, including nature conservation, resource management, climate policy, and sustainable agriculture, nationally and internationally.
 - Leadership of outstanding research or teaching programs
 - Sustained and distinguished contributions through this pathway could be demonstrated by evidence of impact through leadership, mentorship, supervision, or teaching. This could be at the undergraduate or postgraduate level or through other types of workshop or training provision. For example, previous citations have acknowledged contributions such as organising an annual conference for early career researchers, mentoring, advising, and supporting junior colleagues and students. Other examples have included awards for excellence in teaching or for quality of communication, or a track record in running training workshops with non-economists.

2. Examples of a significant contribution to the operation and/or development of AARES.
 - Previous citations have acknowledged many different types of contributions to AARES, including service as an editor of AJARE or as a long-serving reviewer for AJARE, serving in key roles at the branch or national level, such as organising conferences. Specific contributions such as contributing to AARES' strategic planning have also been recognised in past citations.