

Emerging Leader – Tamara Sears

This award is to recognise a young technologist, or scientist, or engineer for their endeavour or achievement, and leadership potential, within the food industry.

This year's winner graduated with a Bachelor of Food Technology (Honours) from Massey University in 2018. While completing her studies, she worked as a Research Assistant at Comvita Limited as well as a summer intern at the Fonterra Research & Development Centre. On graduation she joined Fonterra Brands NZ in 2018 as a Development Technologist for Cheese & Spreads based in Eltham Taranaki and last year, she was been promoted to Senior Development Technologist.

In this role she continues to shine and show her abilities to help others grow and has shown great leadership at a site level supporting with key initiatives and strategic discussions on long term business planning.

Tamara has significant leadership potential both inside and outside work. She is always willing to help others by sharing her knowledge, supporting and coaching new technologists in systems such as Hamilton Grant as the R&D representative and teaching others the ways of working.



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