



Awards Season is upon us here at NZIFST. It is time to think about who within the NZIFST community and wider Food Industry have been standouts and should be recognised for their efforts.

Please check out our [awards page](#) for more details and nomination forms and be sure to get the forms in by **30th April 2025**.

The JC Andrews Award

This, the Institute's most prestigious award, is presented annually in memory of Massey University's first Chancellor, **Dr John Clark Andrews**, who proposed that a food technology degree course be established at Massey University. The award recognises senior Institute members who have made a substantial contribution to science and technology and leadership in the food industry.

The winner presents a keynote address on a topic of their choice at the NZIFST annual conference, and this address and winner's citation are published in *Food New Zealand* journal.

NZIFST Lifetime Achievement Award

The **Lifetime Achievement award (previously known as Distinguished Service Award)** recognises long and exceptional services and/or contributions to the New Zealand Food Industry sector in a scientific, technical, teaching, marketing, or managerial role. It is specifically for industry personnel approaching, or in, retirement. This award is less definitively a science and technology award than that acknowledged by the JC Andrews Award in that it allows recognition of industry service that may be less specifically technical.

A recipient does not need to be a member of NZIFST and a Distinguished Service Award may be awarded to one or more individuals each year.

Ron Hooker Significant Service to the NZIFST Award

This award is to recognise significant past or current service or contribution to the NZIFST, developing the affairs of the Institute, its Branches or Divisions.

This award was established to honour and recognise the outstanding contribution given by **Ron Hooker, FNZIFST** to the NZIFST since its formation in 1965

NZIFST Exceptional Leadership in the Food Industry Award

This award acknowledges leadership excellence in Food Science and Technology over and above business as usual for a sustained period.

NZIFST members within all sectors of the food industry are eligible and nominees for this award must be resident in New Zealand. The award is presented annually.

Emerging Leader Award

This award recognises a young technologist/scientist/engineer for their endeavour or achievement, AND leadership potential, within the food industry.

All sectors of the food industry and all roles are eligible.

A current Standard or Professional member of NZIFST with at least 3 years' continuous membership.

Aged 30 years or under.

Fellows

Fellowships are awarded annually and recognise a member's substantial contribution to the profession of food science and technology.

Award winners will be presented with the awards at the NZIFST Conference in Papaioea Palmerston North in June.

Mary D Earle Mentorship Award

This award recognises members who have excelled at mentoring others in achieving their career objectives through moral, social and intellectual support.

The Mary D Earle Award nominations close on May 31st, 2025.

New Zealand Food Safety Significant Contribution to Food Safety Award

The award recognises an organisation, team, or individual that displays outstanding, original or creative improvements or developments to food safety.

NZFS Significant Contribution to Food Safety Award nominations close on May 27th, 2025.

We also have up to 20 [student scholarships](#) to help attend conference, applications close on the 29th April 2025.

Want to get some idea of what people said about last year's winners?

Click here to find out: [2024 NZIFST Award Citations](#)