

The Mary D Earle Award

Nominations are invited for The Mary D Earle Award which will be presented for the first time in 2022. This award is aimed at recognising members who are in their “MID-CAREER” and who are achieving across diverse criteria.

Professor Emerita Mary Davidson Earle OBE

Throughout her years, Dr Mary, as she was known, was constantly engaged with the food industry, and in 1966, introduced Product Development to the Food Technology degree at Massey University. The NZIFST was one of Mary’s passions – from drafting and ensuring the adoption of the Institute’s first Code of Ethics in 1969, to supporting the Foodwatch and Careers programmes of the 1980’s, and as the instigator of the Food Awards, Mary actively participated in NZIFST throughout her life. She received the NZIFST’s JC Andrews award in 1979. In 1994 Massey University awarded her a personal chair, and in 2018 made her, along with her husband Dick, Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa). During her long working life, Mary practised most successfully, the mentoring advocated here.

The Form of the Award:

The form of the award is intended to recognise and acknowledge the recipient’s achievement; raise their profile within the food industry and NZIFST membership; and give them platforms to use the story of their own career journey to help motivate, guide and inspire the rising generation of food technologists through:

A ZOOM webinar to all members nationally (~20 minutes plus 10 mins live Q&A).

Plus, either one or both of the following (recipient’s choice):

1. A free-form written opinion piece of ~800 words for publication in Food New Zealand on any topic (e.g., their personal journey or a technical issues)
2. A structured Q&A published in FoodNew Zealand journal, seeking out the likes of: experiences, achievements, career highlight/lowlight, advice you would give to your younger self, ambitions for self and industry. (This may be garnered orally or in writing).

Also, where appropriate and practicable, the recipient is asked to consider extending their advice more personally, through one-to-one mentoring (in-person or on-line), to early career food technologists.

Selection Criteria (in no particular order):

- Nominee is considered to be “mid-Career”.
- Service to food technology and the NZIFST at branch and/or national level, and
- Industry service, and
- Trajectory of conspicuous successful performance, and
- Leadership, and
- Demonstrated contributions to mentoring and/or development of new food technologists

Award Recognition:

- Certificate
- Announcement and citation in Food New Zealand journal
- Complimentary registration for the next NZIFST conference, including conference dinner.

Frequency:

One award may be presented approximately every 6 months.

Nomination Process:

- The nominee must be a financial member of the NZIFST.
- The nominee will be either a Standard or Professional member
- Nominations will be called for twice per year.
- Self-nomination is not permitted.
- Two nominees must provide a written statement/citation why this candidate is nominated.
- At least one nominee must be a Fellow, OR, both nominees are Professional Members.

The MARY D EARLE AWARD

We wish to nominate the following member for The Mary D Earle Award:

Nominee's Name:

NOMINATORS:

NOTE: At least one nominee must be a Fellow, OR, both nominees are Professional Members.

NAME	SIGNATURE	MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	DATE
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We have attached:

- A written supporting statement detailing how the nominee meets the selection criteria.

This completed form and supporting documentation should be scanned and emailed to:

Executive Manager, NZIFST, rosemary@nzifst.org.nz

Due dates: 31 May and 30 November each year