OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD

Objective:

To motivate and encourage graduate students to publish research in top-tier food science (or related) journals or patent research inventions in a timely manner.

Award Criteria:

All the graduate students who meet the award criteria will be presented with the award.

MS student: One or more journal research publications (and/or patent) with cumulative score of 2 and above.
Cumulative score = (publication 1)*(CF1) + (publication 2)*(CF2) ≥ 2

PhD student: Three or more journal research publications (and or patents) with cumulative score of 5 and above.
Cumulative score = (publication 1)*(CF1) + (publication 2)*(CF2) + (publication 3)*(CF3) ≥ 5

Calculation of Cumulative Score:

The impact factor of an academic journal is an index calculated by Clarivate that reflects the yearly mean number of citations of articles published in the last two years in a given journal.

Refer to Clarivate Journal Citation Reports for impact factors (IF) for various food science and technology journals. Use the impact factor for the year you are applying the award to determine the calculation factor (CF):

IF 0–3: CF = 1;
IF 3-6: CF = 2;
IF 6-12: CF = 3;
IF > 12: CF = 4

Provisional patent: CF = 2; Utility patent: CF = 3

Additional Considerations:

Original peer-reviewed journal articles or provisional or utility patents must be based on thesis or dissertation research. For multi-author publications or patents, document your significant research contributions; please include full citations for each publication. The Food Science and Technology Awards Committee will decide the appropriateness of the work if there are any uncertainties or questions.

Award Selection:

Submit supporting material for the award (electronic copies of the publication, patent) to the Chair of Food Science and Technology Awards Committee. M.S. students apply for the award within 2 1/2 years after starting the MS program. Doctoral students should apply within 5 years after starting the PhD program.

Awards:

1. Individual Plaque and $500 Cash Award
2. Departmental Award Display Plaque