

Spirit of the Land Grant Award

The evolution and impact of our land-grant universities over the past 150 years has been profound in addressing the challenges of a continually developing nation through a wide spectrum of world-wide impacts and technological advancements. There are members of the CFAES family making connections and discoveries each day that advance the dream of the land-grant mission. This award, initiated in our sesquicentennial year, celebrates these land-grant heroes by recognizing an individual who supports, exemplifies or creates opportunities that embody our college values and personify our land grant DNA, including:

- **Translational Research:** Applying findings from basic science to enhance knowledge, understanding, and decision-making in big systems. We aim to “translate” findings in fundamental research into practice and meaningful outcomes.
- **Collaboration and Engagement:** Beyond partnerships; converting “we-they” to “us”; engagement, whether within the university (interdisciplinary work), business and industry, NGOs, communities, or other universities.
- **Students as Co-Creators:** Continuing to foster the student role as co-creator and participant through immersion experiences and emphasis on purpose-driven leadership.
- **Lifespan Learning:** Engaging with individuals across the lifespan of their learning needs; whether reaching to the career exploration pipeline and preparation in K12 or throughout their careers and retirement transition.
- **Future Perspective:** Focused on solutions that make better decisions possible in the future.

AWARD INFORMATION

Eligibility: CFAES faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students, alumni and external partners.

Number Awarded Annually: One

Award Presentation: The inaugural (2020) and 2021 awards will be presented at the CFAES Celebration of Students Program on April 15, 2021.

Nomination Deadline: February 19, 2021

NOMINATION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

- CFAES faculty or staff members, graduate or undergraduate students, or organized groups within CFAES may initiate nominations.
- Nomination documents: Completed nomination form, including a letter of support.
- Nominations should be submitted to Lora Vest at vest.62@osu.edu by February 19, 2021.

SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations are reviewed by an ad hoc committee consisting of individuals representing CFAES faculty, staff, students, alumni, and external partners. The committee will evaluate the applicants and make recommendations to the Vice President and Dean’s Cabinet. Nominators will be notified on or around March 26. Only nominators receive notice of unsuccessful nominations. If not selected, nominations can be resubmitted in subsequent years.

