



Association for European Life Science Universities

ICA Excellence Award

(ICA – AWARD)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE ICA EXCELLENCE AWARD 2022

The Association for European Life Science Universities (ICA) wishes to recognize individuals who have achieved excellence in furthering the values and mission of ICA. Founded in 1988 as the Interfaculty Committee Agraria, where the acronym ICA comes from, ICA today covers a network of more than 50 life science universities from European countries (European Higher Education Area, EHEA). The life science universities focus on the circular bioeconomy (agriculture, forestry, food value chain & biobased economy), the sustainable use of natural resources, climate change, biodiversity, the protection of the environment and on rural development.

Based on the ICA Vision, Mission, and Essentials (see <https://www.ica-europe.info/about/our-strategy>), the award will be bestowed on those who have demonstrated excellence by:

1. Providing thought leadership, inspiration and the contribution of new knowledge through research and/or innovation for the European and global sustainable circular bioeconomy and society, and/or;
2. Enhancing education in the specific areas relevant to ICA and more generally in the areas of the bioeconomy and society, and/or;
3. Developing cooperation through contributing to platforms, joint learning, outreach and/or sharing experiences and understanding among European colleagues, and/or;
4. Achieving impact and relevance with specific reference to the ICA values and mission.

Eligibility¹

Each nominee must be a member of a European Life Science University, or Life Science faculty of a comprehensive university - which is ICA member or is eligible to apply for ICA membership according to the Bologna convention. The nominee will be an active academic member of the university or faculty.

Nominees will show outstanding achievement in the excellence criteria above. It is acknowledged that nominees at different stages of their careers and with different experiences will have different levels of achievement and this will be considered by the Selection Panel.

¹ ICA membership: <https://www.ica-europe.info/join-ica>

Nominees, if successful, must be available to receive the award in person and give a presentation. The expenses for attending will be paid by ICA.

Nominees can be all members of the academic community in ICA universities or faculties eligible to apply for ICA membership, irrespective of their gender, sexual orientation, beliefs, or any other potentially discriminatory characteristic. However, nominees must be nominated.

Nature of the Award

The award will consist of:

- A trophy and an ICA Certificate of Excellence – a parchment document to be hung on the wall.
- Making a Keynote presentation at the annual ICA General Assembly on 19 October 2022 which will be held at Vytautas Magnus University Agriculture Academy in Kaunas, Lithuania

Nomination Procedure

Individuals (the Nominator) are invited to nominate others (the Nominee) for the ICA Excellence Award. All nominations will be confidential, and the identity of the nominators and the nominee will be kept in strict confidence. Once the decision by the Selection Panel and ICA Board has been made the Award winner will be asked to confirm their acceptance of the award. All nominations and documents must be in the English language.

Nominations must include the following:

- A completed Nomination Form -see end of this document.
- A letter from the Nominator (nomination letter), not exceeding two pages in length, summarizing why they have proposed the candidate for the ICA Award and including in particular the impact or relevance of their achievements (see demonstrated excellence)
- The nomination letter must be supported by two European Life Science University and/or faculty staff who are eligible to be nominated for ICA awards and are from different countries
- The CV of the Nominee

Submit nominations according to the outline of Application Form to the ICA secretariat by e-mail to Dr Rasa Pakeltiene (rasa.pakeltiene@vdu.lt) before **31st August 2022**.

Selection Procedure and Criteria

Nominations will be scored by the Selection Panel against the criteria outlined below as evidenced in the nominations submitted by the nominators. The Selection Panel will consider the nominations taking account of the different stages of the careers of the nominees.

The Selection Panel will report to the ICA Board and recommend one Nominee (or in exceptional cases two) who it considers worthy of an ICA Excellence Award to the ICA Board who will make a final decision in the selection the ICA Excellence Award recipient(s).

Selection criteria*

No.	Criteria
1.	Achievement against Excellence Criteria #1 Providing thought leadership, inspiration and the contribution of new knowledge through research and/or innovation for the European and global sustainable circular bioeconomy and society, and/or;
2.	Achievement against Excellence Criteria #2 Enhancing education in the specific areas relevant to ICA and more generally in the areas of the bioeconomy and society, and/or;
3.	Achievement against Excellence Criteria #3 Developing cooperation through contributing to platforms, joint learning, outreach and/or sharing experiences and understanding among European colleagues, and/or;
4.	Achievement against Excellence Criteria #4 Achieving impact and relevance with specific reference to the ICA values and mission.

**The 4 criteria are of equal importance*

Selection Panel's scores for the selection criteria will be kept confidential to the Selection Panel and the ICA Board. All decisions of the ICA Board will be final and not open to appeal.

The Selection Panel comprise of 5 individuals

1. ICA Vice President – Chair
2. ICA Board member
3. Chair of an ICA Standing Committee
4. ICA Foresight representative
5. ICA presidents delegated person

For 2022 the ICA Foresight representative will be an ICA President's delegated person since the committee is not established yet.

The names of the Selection panel will not be made public, except for the Chair, and the Selection Panel members will sign a confidentiality agreement.

Time-line for the ICA Excellence Award

- June 2022 – Nominations open
- June 2022 – ICA Board appoints the Selection Panel

- 31st August 2022 – Nomination deadline
- September 2022 – Selection Panel make recommendation to ICA Board
- September 2022– ICA Board select ICA Excellence Award recipient(s)
- October 2022 – Awards are presented at the ICA General Assembly in Kaunas, Lithuania

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ICA EXCELLENCE AWARD 2022

1	Name of the nominee for the ICA Award:	
2.	University and e-mail address of Nominee	
3.1.	Name, University, and e-mail address of Nominator 1:	
	Telephone number of Nominator 1	
3.2.	Name, University, and e-mail address of Nominator 2:	
	Telephone number of Nominator 2	
4.	Introductory statement describing the nominee:	
	<i>Maximum of 150 words</i>	
5.	Achievements of the nominee in the areas of thought leadership, inspiration, and contribution of new knowledge through research and/or innovation for the European and global sustainable bioeconomy and society:	
	<i>Maximum of 200 words</i>	
6.	Achievements of the nominee in the areas of enhancing education in the specific areas relevant to ICA and more generally in the areas of the bioeconomy and society:	
	<i>Maximum of 200 words</i>	
7.	Achievements of the nominee in the areas of cooperation through developing or contributing to platforms, joint learning, outreach and/or sharing experiences and understanding among European colleagues:	
	<i>Maximum of 200 words</i>	

8.	Signature of Nominator:	Date:
9.	With your nomination have you also included (a) Letter summarising the support for the nomination (b) Letter signed by two supporters for the nomination (c) CV of nominee (in Europass form https://www.europass.com)	