Weston Family Research Innovation Award

***NOMINATION FORM 2022***

The Weston Family Research Innovation Award was created in 2016 to recognize researchers and/or ALUS partners for excellence and innovation in scientific research, monitoring or verification of ecosystem services on working farmlands. This award highlights achievement in evaluating the ecosystem services that provide benefits both to the farm and to the broader public good.

Nomination Criteria

1. Nominees must have completed credible research related to the ecosystem services produced on working farmlands, or the monitoring, verification and measurement thereof, or innovative methods of determining their economic value to society.
2. Nominees must also help promote the public awareness of ecosystem services to youth, landowners and the general public.
3. Nominees must also participate in regional, provincial or national committees or organizations relating to ecosystem services.

Nomination Process

1. ALUS staff will ask its network of ALUS program coordinators and partners to submit nominations for suitable candidates.
2. All nominations must be made by completing the attached nomination details.
3. This year’s nomination deadline is: **Friday,** **May 20, 2022, 5 p.m. EST**
	1. Full nomination packages must be received by email or postmarked by this deadline in order to be considered.
4. The winner of the award will be determined by the selection committee.
5. Winners will be notified in writing by ALUS.
6. The award will be presented by a senior representative of ALUS and/or The Weston Family Foundation at a subsequent Awards presentation. The nature of the event and its venue may change from year to year depending on the award-winner and the partners supporting the nomination. Details to be confirmed in the months following the nomination deadline.
	1. In 2022, ALUS and the Weston Family Foundation are hopeful about presenting the awards during an in-person event to celebrate the recipient(s) achievements. However, due to ongoing public health concerns relating to COVID-19 and its variants, this event may not occur.

(Section A) NOMINEE DETAILS

**I nominate the following person for the Weston Family Research Innovation Award:**

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| **Name(s):** |  |
| **Occupation:** | *Title:* |
|  | *Organization:* |
| **Address:** | *Number, Street:* *Municipality:* *Province:* *Postal Code:*  |
| **Telephone:** | *Cell:* |
|  | *Office:* |
|  | *Home* |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Signature**  |  |
| **Date** |  |

(Section B) ACHIEVEMENT DETAILS

*\*Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.*

1. Please provide examples of the nominee’s **research** relating to ecosystem services on working farmlands:
2. Provide examples of the nominee’swork in **monitoring or verification** of ecosystem services produced on working farmlands:
3. List the nominee’s **peer-reviewed scientific publications** relating to the ecosystem services produced on working farmlands:
4. Provide examples of the nominee’s **participation** in regional, provincial or national committees or organizations relating to ecosystem services produced on working farmlands:
5. Describe the **innovative methods** used by the nominee to measure ecosystem services produced on farmlands, and their economic value:
6. Provide examples of the nominee’s achievements in **promoting awareness** of the ecosystem services produced on working farmlands to youth, landowners and the general public:

(Section C) NOMINATOR DETAILS

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| **Is this a self-nomination? (circle YES or NO)** |  YES NO *\*If you are nominating someone else, please complete all these details about yourself as the nominator. If you are nominating yourself for the award, there is no need to repeat the contact information you entered on page one.*  |
| **Nominator’s Name:** |   |
| **Occupation** | *Title:**Organization:* |
| **Address:** | *Number, Street:* *Municipality:* *Province:* *Postal Code:*  |
| **Telephone:** | *Cell:**Office:**Home*  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Additional supporters of this nomination, if applicable:** | *Name 1:**Title/Organization:**Tel/email::* | *Name 2:**Title/Organization:**Tel/email::* |

(Section D)
ADDITIONAL NOMINEE INFORMATION CHECKLIST
(OPTIONAL)

* **Discuss the content of the nomination form with the additional supporters, if applicable.**
* **Collect testimonials and letters/comments from supporters.**
* **Ensure all names are spelled correctly and double-check all information.**
* **Submit a good-quality photo of the nominee.**

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(Section E): Submission

Please submit your complete nomination package for the Weston Family Ecosystem Innovation Award no later than the deadline of **Friday,** **May 20, 2022, 5 p.m. EST**:

**By email:**
twestcott@alus.ca

**By mail:**

**Innovation Awards 2022**

(Att: Todd Westcott)

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