Weston Family Research Innovation Award

***CRITERIA***

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 valuing ecosystem services that provide benefits both on the farm and for the broader public good. The Weston Family Research Innovation Award is in the amount of $10,000.

# Selection Criteria

1. Recipients of the Weston Family Research Innovation Award conduct research related to ecosystem services on working farmlands, such as innovative methods of monitoring, verifying or measuring the ecosystem services produced on farmlands, and/or innovative methods of evaluating their economic value to society.
2. Recipients have completed credible research related to the ecosystem services produced on working farmlands, or the verification and monitoring thereof.
3. Recipients help promote public awareness of the ecosystem services to youth, landowners and the general public.
4. Recipients participate in regional, provincial or national committees or organizations relating to Recipients services.

# Selection Process

1. The winner of the award will be determined by the selection committee.
2. The selected nominee will be notified in writing by ALUS.
3. The selected nominee must complete and promptly return the Nominee Release Form in order to be eligible for the award.
4. 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.
	* 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.