

School of Plant and Environmental Sciences

Annual Awards

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SPES Outstanding Basic Research Faculty Award

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has an annual Outstanding Basic Research Faculty Award to honor one SPES faculty who has demonstrated within their disciplines: 1) Excellent publication record in peer-reviewed journals; 2) Excellent track record of grants and fellowships received over the course of the nominee's career. 3) National and international awards or honorary recognition from the nominee's research field; 4) Citation of the nominee's work that has had substantial positive impact on the field; and 5) Past and active training of graduate and undergraduate students or post-doctoral researchers.

This award can be self-nominated or nominated by another SPES faculty. The award recipient will be selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement. The award recipient will be nominated for similar awards at the college and university levels. A SPES faculty receiving a SPES faculty award within the past 5 years is not eligible for the same award category.

Deadlines

- **February 1:** Call for nomination is announced
- **April 1:** Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee
- **SPES spring picnic:** announcement of the award

Application package contents (Please use single spacing and a 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compile documents into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee)

- ***Candidate's statement (2 pages):*** (below are suggestions)
 - **Distinctive Contributions and Achievements:** 1) Provide a bulleted list of significant accomplishments demonstrating the applicant's commitment to excellence in basic research; and 2) Nominee's past 5-year's publications and funded projects (project title, funding amount, funding agency, and duration).
 - **Research Statement:** Provide an engaging self-reflective narrative detailing: 1) your basic research philosophy and approach and 2) your impacts within your discipline(s) and on undergraduate, graduate and postdoc research training.
- ***Nomination Letter provided by self or another SPES faculty (1 page):*** suggested contents include the nominee's achievements and the breadth of the nominee's impact on basic research at Virginia Tech by providing a narrative of the nominee's background, research experiences, special contributions to student training, other research-related awards, and any additional evidence of the nominee's achievements in basic research.
- ***Additional supplement (3 pages):***
 - The nominee may provide an additional letter of support (maximum **one-page**) from outside VT.

- 2-page CV

SPES Outstanding Applied Research Faculty Award

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has an annual Outstanding Applied Research Faculty Award to honor one SPES faculty who has: 1) solved key issue(s) related to industries or societal needs in agricultural production in Virginia, region, US and/or internationally; 2) excellent publication record in peer-reviewed journals; 3) excellent track record of grants and fellowships; 4) citation of the nominee's work that has had substantial positive impact on academia, related industries, or society; and 5) Past and active training of graduate and undergraduate students or post-doctoral researchers.

This award can be self-nominated or nominated by another SPES faculty. The award recipient will be selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement. The award recipient will be nominated for similar awards at the college and university levels. A SPES faculty receiving a SPES faculty award within the past 5 years is not eligible for the same award category.

Deadlines

- **February 1:** Call for nomination is announced
- **April 1:** Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee
- **SPES spring picnic:** announcement of the award

Application package contents (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee):

- ***Candidate's statement (2 pages):*** (see suggestions below)
 - **Distinctive Contributions and Achievements:** 1) Provide a bulleted list of significant accomplishments at Virginia Tech demonstrating the applicant's commitment to excellence in applied research; and 2) Nominee's past 5-year's publications and funded projects (project title, funding amount, sources, and duration).
 - **Research Statement:** Provide an engaging self-reflective narrative of: 1) your beliefs about applied research and how you put these beliefs into practice; 2) how you have translated your research beliefs and values into goals and actions that have had a positive impact on your disciplines, stakeholder engagement, and on the undergraduate, graduate, and postdoc research training.
- ***Nomination Letter provided by self or another SPES faculty (1 page):*** suggested contents include the nominee's extraordinary success and the

breadth of the nominee's impact on applied research at Virginia Tech by providing a narrative of the nominee's background, research experiences, special contributions to stakeholder engagement, student training, other research-related awards, and any additional evidence of the nominee's exceptional achievements in applied research.

- ***Additional supplement (3 pages):***
 - The nominee may provide a maximum of up to **one-page** letter of support from outside VT.
 - **2-page** CV

SPES Outstanding Extension Faculty Award

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has an annual Outstanding Extension Faculty Award to honor one SPES faculty who has demonstrated actions and commitment to: 1) exemplary engagement with Virginia stakeholders, 2) productivity and outputs, and 3) evidence of impact demonstrating positive personal and societal change.

This award can be self-nominated or nominated by another SPES faculty. The award recipient will be selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement. The award recipient may be nominated for similar awards at the college and university levels. A SPES faculty receiving a SPES faculty award within the past 5 years is not eligible for the same award category.

Deadlines

- **February 1:** Call for nomination is announced
- **April 1:** Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee
- **SPES spring picnic:** announcement of the award

Application package contents (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee)

- ***Candidate's statement (2 pages):*** (see suggested contents below)
 - **Exemplary engagement:** Describe the goal of your Extension program, and why it is important to the people of Virginia. What approaches did you take to engage stakeholders from various backgrounds (e.g. private citizens, state agencies)? Provide metrics on how you evaluated this engagement.
 - **Productivity:** Provide a bulleted list of your top outputs, whether field days, class events, publications or other. How many people did you reach with these activities?

- Impact: Detail the outcomes that your program has produced. Include as many details as possible, in terms of how many people have changed behavior and other impacts.
- ***Nomination Letter provided by self or another SPES faculty (1 page)***: suggested contents include the nominee's extraordinary success and the breadth of the nominee's impact on extension and engagement at Virginia Tech by providing a narrative of the nominee's background, extension outcomes, impacts to industry or society, professional teaching engagements, special contributions to engagement, other extension-related awards, and any additional evidence of the nominee's exceptional achievements in extension impacts.
- ***Additional supplement (3 pages)***:
 - a maximum of up to **one-page** letter of support from outside VT
 - **2-page** CV

SPES Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has an annual Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award to honor one SPES faculty who has demonstrated actions and commitment to: 1) enhancement of the educational environment; 2) highest standards of instruction; 3) implementation of new forms and technologies of teaching; and 4) continual evaluation of practices and standards of teaching effectiveness.

This award can be self-nominated or nominated by another SPES faculty. The award recipient will be selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement. The award recipient will be nominated for similar awards at the college and university levels. A SPES faculty receiving a SPES faculty award within the past 5 years is not eligible for the same award category.

Deadlines

- **February 1**: Call for nomination is announced
- **April 1**: Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee
- **SPES spring picnic**: announcement of the award

Application package contents (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee)

- ***Candidate's statement (1 page)***: (see suggestions below)
 - Distinctive Contributions and Achievements: 1) Provide a bulleted list of significant teaching accomplishments at Virginia Tech demonstrating the applicant's commitment to excellence in teaching and student learning; and 2) Nominee's past 3-year's Student Perception of Teaching (SPOT) scores table listing the course names, numbers of students enrolled, and SPOT scores.

- Teaching Statement: Provide an engaging self-reflective narrative of: 1) mission statement conveying your educational values and how you enact those values to promote learning; 2) how you have translated your teach beliefs and values into goals and actions that have had a positive impact on student learning.
- ***Nomination Letter provided by self or another SPES faculty (1 page)***: suggested contents include the nominee's extraordinary success and the breadth of the nominee's impact on teaching and learning at Virginia Tech by providing a narrative of the nominee's background, teaching experiences, pedagogical approaches, scholarship of teaching and learning, special contributions to student learning, other education-related awards, and any additional evidence of the nominee's exceptional achievements in promoting effective student learning.
- ***Additional supplement (4 pages)***:
 - The nominee may provide a maximum of up to **one-page** letter of support from outside VT
 - **2-page CV**
 - The nominee may provide a maximum of up to **one page** of unsolicited transcribed student quotes from personal correspondence .
 - The nominee may provide a maximum of up to one page briefly describing one or more of the following:
 - course design and development and its impact on student learning,
 - curriculum revision and its impact on student learning, retention, numbers, or other metrics.
 - pedagogical innovations and their impact on student learning.
 - visual images and innovations used to enhance student learning.
 - student mentoring or advising activities.
 - educational publications or presentations authored.
 - teaching and learning workshops presented
 - educational grants received.
 - educational outreach and service activities
 - peer evaluation of teaching letters (if not included in Section 4), and any other documentation of effective teaching and learning.

SPES AP Faculty Award

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has an annual SPES Outstanding AP Faculty Award to honor one SPES AP faculty who has demonstrated extraordinary contributions and shown consistent excellence in the performance of a job, single incident, contribution, or heroic act. This award is nominated by a SPES faculty. The award recipient will be selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee and will be nominated for similar awards at the college and university levels. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement.

Selection criteria

- i. How the employee's work or actions brought positive attention to SPES/CALS/VT.
- ii. How the employee's work may have impacted the functioning or infrastructure of SPES/CALS/VT.
- iii. Extent to which the employee has used an inventive, creative, or problem-solving approach to their responsibilities.
- iv. How the employee's performance has enhanced the work of others.

Nomination package (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee):

- **1-page** letter of support from the nominator

Eligibility

- All SPES AP faculty (on and off-campus) are eligible
- Must be a current AP faculty and have been employed within SPES for at least one year.
- An employee must not have been selected for the AP faculty award for at least 5 years.

Deadlines

- **Oct 15:** Call for nomination is announced
- **Nov 15:** Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee
- **SPES winter holiday gathering:** announcement of the award
- **March 29:** Nomination to VT

SPES *Ut Prosim* Award

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has one *Ut Prosim* Award to honor a SPES faculty who has demonstrated exceptional breadth of impact and services to SPES, CALS, and VT.

This award may not be necessarily given every year. This award can be self-nominated or nominated by another SPES faculty. The award recipient will be selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement. The award recipient will be nominated for similar awards at the college and university levels. A SPES faculty receiving a SPES faculty award within the past 5 years is not eligible for the same award category.

Deadlines

- **February 1:** Call for nomination is announced
- **April 1:** Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee
- **SPES spring picnic:** announcement of the award

Application package contents (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee)

- **1-page** nomination letter providing details why the nominee is deserving of the Faculty Excellence in Service Award. The nomination letter should speak to the impact of the service provided by the nominee.
- **1-page** bulleted list of all relevant services that the nominee has provided over the previous three years to SPES, CALS, and Virginia Tech. Prior service may include:
 - Number of service opportunities undertaken
 - Breadth of nominee service across unit, college, and university opportunities
 - Level of commitment required by the service opportunities undertaken
 - How well the service demonstrates the spirit of *Ut Prosim*
 - Other information conveyed in the nomination letter
- **2-page** CV

SPES Outstanding Research Staff

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has an annual SPES Outstanding Research Staff Award to honor one SPES research staff who has demonstrated outstanding contributions through their work. This award is nominated by a SPES faculty. The award recipient will be selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee and will be nominated for similar awards at the college and university levels. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement.

Selection criteria

Demonstration of:

- v. Professionalism and enthusiasm in the performance of their work and in interactions with faculty, staff, students and others in SPES, CALS and/or the university.
- vi. Humanitarian efforts and actions to boost morale among colleagues and/or students.
- vii. A willingness to help others within SPES, CALS and/or the university.
- viii. A commitment to professional development and encouragement of professional development of others.
- ix. Initiative and willingness to accept and carry out new job responsibilities.

Nomination package (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee):

Any SPES faculty or staff member may submit a nomination, which should be in the form of a letter (**1-page**) to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee.

Eligibility

- All SPES research staff (on and off-campus) are eligible
- Must be a current research staff member and have been employed within SPES for at least one year.
- An employee must not have been selected for outstanding research staff for at least 5 years to be eligible.

Deadlines

- **February 1:** Call for nomination is announced
- **April 1:** Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee
- **SPES spring picnic:** announcement of the awards

SPES Outstanding Administrative Staff

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has an annual SPES Outstanding Administrative Staff Award to honor one SPES administrative staff member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions through their work. This award is nominated by a SPES faculty or other administrative staff. The award recipient will be selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee and will be nominated for similar awards at the college and university levels. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement.

Selection criteria

Demonstration of:

- i. Professionalism and enthusiasm in the performance of their work and in interactions with faculty, staff, students and others in SPES, CALS and/or the university.
- ii. Humanitarian efforts and actions to boost morale among colleagues and/or students.
- iii. A willingness to help others within SPES, CALS and/or the university.
- iv. A commitment to professional development and encouragement of professional development of others.
- v. Initiative and willingness to accept and carry out new job responsibilities.

Nomination package (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee):

Any SPES faculty or staff member may submit a nomination, which should be in the form of a letter (**1-page**) to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee.

Eligibility

- All SPES staff (on and off-campus) are eligible
- Must be a current staff member and have been employed within SPES for at least one year.
- An employee must not have been selected for outstanding administrative staff for at least 5 years to be eligible.

Deadlines

- **February 1:** Call for nomination is announced
- **April 1:** Last day for submission to the SPES Award and Honorary Committee
- **SPES spring picnic:** announcement of the awards

SPES Outstanding Ph.D. Student for Excellence in Applied or Basic Research

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has two annual outstanding Ph.D awards each given to one SPES Ph.D student:

- Outstanding Ph.D. Student for Excellence in Applied Research
- Outstanding Ph.D. Student for Excellence in Basic Research

Both awards honor the important contributions SPES Ph.D. graduate students make to applied or basic research in SPES and the wide variety of approaches they take to the advancement of knowledge.

Each award is given each year to a Ph.D. graduate student for their efforts in applied or basic research. Awardees are nominated by SPES faculty members and selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee. Each award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement.

Deadlines

- **December 1:** Call for nomination is announced
- **January 1:** Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee
- **SPES spring picnic:** announcement of the awards

Evaluation Criteria

A candidate who has not previously received the same award

Nomination package (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee):

- ***Personal Statement*** (not to exceed 1000 words): The narrative must include an overview of the nature, strength, and impact of your achievements in basic or applied research as a graduate student. The statement should provide a clear basis for understanding the focus of your program of research written in such a way that someone outside your area of research would comprehend. The statement should indicate the potential of your research to make significant contributions within your area of focus and, if applicable, make reference to any awards, publications, conference presentations, or other forms of recognition that have accrued.
- ***2-page CV***
- ***Letter of Support (1-page)*** Each nomination is supported by their faculty advisor with a letter of support. The letter should describe the student's

research and academic accomplishments to date (including progress to degree), the scholarly quality of the student's research, and the strength and impact of the research. An additional one or two other letters of support may be included from other faculty members, fellow students, and/or commodity groups.

SPES Outstanding MS Student Award

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has an annual outstanding MS student award each given to one SPES Master student to honor the important contributions a SPES MS graduate student makes to research in SPES and the wide variety of approaches they take to the advancement of knowledge.

This award is given each year to one MS graduate student for their efforts in research. Awardees are nominated by SPES faculty members and selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement.

Deadlines

- **December 1:** Call for nomination is announced
- **January 1:** Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee
- **SPES spring picnic gathering:** announcement of the awards

Evaluation Criteria

A candidate who has not previously received the same award

Nomination package (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee):

- ***Personal Statement*** (not to exceed 1000 words): The narrative must include an overview of the nature, strength, and impact of your achievements in basic or applied research as a graduate student. The statement should provide a clear basis for understanding the focus of your program of research written in such a way that someone from outside of your research area would comprehend. The statement should indicate the potential of your research to make significant contributions within your area of focus and, if applicable, make reference to any awards, publications, conference presentations, or other forms of recognition that have accrued to this point.
- ***2-page CV***

- **Letter of Support (1-page):** Each nomination is supported by their faculty advisor with a letter of support. The letter should describe the student's research and academic accomplishments to date (including progress to degree), the scholarly quality of the student's research, and the strength and impact of the research. An additional one or two other letters of support may be included from other faculty members, fellow students, and/or commodity groups.

SPES Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has an annual outstanding graduate teaching assistant award to honor the important contributions a SPES graduate teaching assistant makes to teaching in SPES and the wide variety of approaches they take to the advancement of teaching. Awardees are nominated by SPES faculty members and selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement.

Deadlines

- **December 1:** Call for nomination is announced
- **January 1:** Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee
- **SPES spring picnic:** announcement of the award

Evaluation Criteria

A candidate who has not previously received the same award

Nomination package (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee):

- **Personal Statement** (not to exceed 1000 words): The narrative must include an overview of the nature, strength, and impact of your achievements in teaching as a graduate student. The statement should provide a clear basis for the teaching philosophy and approaches, and, if applicable, make reference to SPOT scores, and any teaching-related awards, publications, conference presentations, or other forms of recognition that have accrued to this point.
- **2-page CV**
- **Letter of Support (1-page):** Each nomination is supported by their faculty teaching advisor with a letter of support. The letter should describe the student's teaching accomplishments to date and the strength and impact of the teaching. The nominee may provide a maximum of up to **one page** of unsolicited

transcribed student quotes from personal correspondence. In addition, the nominee may provide a maximum of up to one page briefly describing one or more of the following:

- course design and development and its impact on student learning
- curriculum revision and its impact on student learning, retention, numbers, or other metrics
- pedagogical innovations and their impact on student learning
- visual images and innovations used to enhance student learning or provided as evidence of student learning
- student mentoring or advising activities
- educational publications or presentations authored
- teaching and learning workshops presented
- educational outreach and service activities

SPES Diversity and Inclusion Award

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has an annual SPES Diversity and Inclusion Award to honor one SPES faculty, staff, and students for outstanding diversity accomplishments. This award can be self-nominated or is nominated by a SPES faculty, staff, or a graduate student. The award recipient will be selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee and will be nominated for similar awards at the college and university levels. The award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement.

Selection criteria

- Actively seek to increase knowledge of current inclusion and diversity topics through attending related classes, seminars, groups, events, and so on.
- Provide or actively participate in opportunities to raise awareness of diversity and inclusion within the community in which they live, study, or work.
- Demonstrate a commitment to equity and fairness in the treatment of all, and ensure their access to opportunities and resources.
- Speak on behalf of diversity in their community, unit, or department in order to promote understanding of and sensitivity to diversity issues among colleagues.
- Assist in the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty, staff, students, and volunteers.
- Conduct diversity research and scholarly activities that enhance the college's diversity and inclusion initiatives.

Nomination package (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee):

Any SPES faculty, staff, or graduate student may submit a self-nomination or a nomination letter, which should be in the form of a letter (**1-page**) to the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee.

Eligibility

- All SPES Faculty and staff nominees must be current employees in SPES for at least one year (on and off-campus).
- Student nominees must be enrolled in SPES graduate program and expected to graduate in the academic year of the award (on and off-campus)
- Must not have been selected for this award for at least 2 years to be eligible.

Deadlines

- **Oct 15:** Call for nomination is announced
- **Nov 15:** Last day for submission to the SPES Award and Honorary Committee
- **SPES spring picnic or winter holiday gathering:** announcement of the awards
- **April 15:** CALS Diversity and Inclusion award deadline

SPES Alumni Awards

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) has five annual alumni awards to honor the important contributions SPES alumni make to SPES, CALS, and VT:

- SPES Outstanding Recent Undergraduate Alumni Award
- SPES Outstanding Recent Graduate Alumni Award
- SPES Alumni Career Achievement Award
- SPES Outstanding Alumni in the Global Community
- SPES Honorary Alumni Award

Alumni from majors within the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences are eligible for nomination to all awards.

Nominations are welcome from alumni, stakeholders of SPES, SPES faculty, and SPES Alumni Committee. Self-nominations are welcome.

Nominees should be contacted to ensure they are willing, and for valuable input to strengthen the nomination packet.

Awardees are selected by the SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee. Each award recipient will receive a gift and a certificate of the achievement. Nominees for each award will be considered for three subsequent years. If not selected in the first year, those submitting a nomination will be given the opportunity to update the nomination form before consideration during the second and third years. If a nominee is not selected within the three years, they will be removed from the nomination pool, but can be nominated again at a later time.

Each year, the SPES Alumni Award recipients will be selected on November 1 and will be nominated by the SPES Alumni Committee for the CALS Alumni Awards before or on December 1.

Deadlines

- **September 1:** Call for nomination is announced
- **October 1:** Last day for submission to the SPES Awards and Honorifics (Anything received after this date will be held for the following year's review process)
- **December 1:** Nominated the SPES Alumni Committee for the CALS Alumni Awards
- **SPES winter holiday gathering:** announcement of the awards

Nomination materials (Please use single spacing and a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins, compiled into one pdf file, and send to current Chair of SPES Awards and Honorifics Committee)

- Letter of support (**2 page**)
- **2-page** CV

Award Descriptions

SPES Outstanding Recent Undergraduate Alumni Award

- Graduated within 10 years of the nomination deadline
- Contributions to field (60%)
 - Academia, Government, Industry, Non-profit
 - Community outreach, development and empowerment
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Leadership
 - Scholarship
- Leadership/Service to Virginia Tech, CALS, SPES, SPES Alumni Organization, or community illustrating the university's commitment to *Ut Prosim* (30%)
- Philanthropy to Virginia Tech (annual gift made since Jan. 1, 2020) (10%)

SPES Outstanding Recent Graduate Alumni Award

- Graduated within 10 years of the nomination deadline
- Contributions to field (60%)
 - Academia, Government, Industry, Non-profit
 - Community outreach, development and empowerment
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Leadership
 - Scholarship
- Leadership/Service to Virginia Tech, CALS, SPES, SPES Alumni Organization, or community illustrating the university's commitment to *Ut Prosim* (30%)
- Philanthropy to Virginia Tech (annual gift made since Jan. 1, 2020) (10%)

SPES Alumni Career Achievement Award

- Graduated more than 10 years ago as of the nomination deadline
- Contributions to field (60%)
 - Academia, Government, Industry, Non-profit
 - Community outreach, development and empowerment
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Leadership
 - Scholarship
- Leadership/Service to Virginia Tech, CALS, SPES, SPES Alumni

Organization, or community illustrating the university's commitment to *Ut Prosim* (30%)

- Philanthropy to Virginia Tech (annual gift made since Jan. 1, 2020) (10%)

SPES Outstanding Alumni in the Global Community

- Recognizes a SPES alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated *Ut Prosim* through professional contributions, leadership, and service impacting global agriculture and life sciences, either internationally or nationally in their own country outside the U.S.
- Any graduate can be nominated.
- Emphasis is placed on extraordinary service and related impacts.

SPES Honorary Alumni Award

- Any friend of the college who has not received a degree from Virginia Tech.
- Leadership, service, or philanthropic contributions demonstrating *Ut Prosim* to CALS, a CALS department, school, or program, or the CALS Alumni Organization.