

## **The Society of American Foresters** **Award in Forest Science**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize distinguished individual research in any branch of the quantitative, managerial, and/or social sciences that has resulted in substantial advances in forestry regardless of the age or seniority of the individual.

**BACKGROUND:** Since 1954, SAF had one science award, the *Barrington Moore Memorial Award*, which recognizes “distinguished individual research in any branch of the biological sciences that has resulted in substantial advances in forestry”. In order to recognize outstanding research in sciences other than biology, the Forest Science and Technology Board proposed a new award be established. This was approved by the SAF Council in December 1996.

**AWARD CRITERIA:** Nominees need not be members of the Society of American Foresters. Evaluation will be based on:

1. Research Quality
2. Research Productivity
3. Research Innovation
4. Research Impact Resulting in Advances in Forestry
5. Overall Evidence of Distinguished Individual Research, Nationally and Internationally.

**NOMINATION:** The nominator must submit by February 28, for the award that year, the following information on behalf of the nominee to the Forest Science and Technology Board, in care of the Society of American Foresters, Science and Education Department, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814. A letter from the nominator should include:

- A concise statement on the manner in which the nominee’s research has advanced forestry
- Expanded review of scientific accomplishments in the quantitative, managerial, and/or social sciences consisting of: field(s) of specialization, contributions to science, evidence of distinguished individual research, using each of the five separate criteria.
- Brief biographical sketch of nominee consisting of: name, address, present title or position, education, academic degrees, and major positions held. List of publications, honors and awards, membership in scientific and professional societies.
- Two letters of endorsement from peers in the nominee the nominee’s field of science.

The award will not be made posthumously. Unsuccessful candidates may be renominated by letter providing any updated material. All award criteria must still be met at the time of renomination.

**FOREST SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BOARD:** The Board is charged with overseeing all facets of SAF’s science program. The Board is comprised of an appointed chair and six subject area representatives elected by Working Group officers and representing broad areas of forest science. Board members will review all materials presented on behalf of the award

nominee and may seek additional information if deemed necessary. The Board evaluates nominees for the *SAF Award in Forest Science* and recommends a recipient to the SAF Council.

**AWARD DESCRIPTION:** The award consists of an inscribed wooden plaque in the shape of the SAF emblem and a cash honorarium of \$1,000.

**AWARD PRESENTATION:** The award is presented during an awards ceremony at the SAF national convention. Complimentary convention registration is provided and up to \$500 is available to offset travel expenses and accommodations for the award recipient and guest.

**PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS:**

1998 Joseph Buongiorno  
1999 Darius M. Adams  
2000 Timothy G. Gregoire  
2001 Richard W. Haynes  
2002 David D. Reed  
2003 George Z. Gertner  
2004 Harry T. Valentine  
2006 Albert R. Stage  
2009 Daowei Zhang  
2010 Jay O’Laughlin  
2011 Russell T. Graham