

AMSA Mid-Career Leadership Award

Purpose:

To recognize and encourage the continued professional growth of mid-career AMSA members from industry, academia, government, associations who have progressed beyond early-career achievements and are actively increasing their leadership, influence, and sustained impact within meat science and the meat industry.

This award emphasizes career development occurring after 10 years as a professional and typically prior to senior-level professional distinctions. It is NOT a requirement to have won the AMSA Achievement Award.

Award: A plaque and honorarium will be provided to each honoree.

Objective: This award is intended for professionals who have established technical or scientific credibility and are now demonstrating expanded leadership, responsibility, and influence within their organizations, disciplines, or AMSA.

The award is funded by a Mentorship Recognition in the name of Dr. Kathryn L. Kotula who is a long-time, dedicated AMSA member whose work in research, teaching, and service in academia, industry, and associations emphasized Impact, Opportunities, and Creative approaches.

Eligibility: The nominee must be an AMSA professional member who has been a professional in meat science, muscle foods, or a closely allied field for 10 to 20 years, and has not received the AMSA Achievement Award within the past 2 years.

Materials to apply

1. AMSA Award Cover Form, Complete and attach the AMSA Cover Form associated with this award.
2. CV/Resume: Include a list of accomplishments, publications, patents, or other relevant achievements of the nominee. *Maximum of two pages.*
3. **Award Statement:** The Award Statement should demonstrate how the individual fulfills the purpose of the award and why they are deserving of the honor. *Maximum of two pages.* See description below.
4. Letters of Recommendation: Two letters may be attached for all awards. Letters should be from representatives of the institution/organization with which the nominee is affiliated (their administrators, colleagues, or associates) or other persons in the field of meat science and technology or the meat industry.
5. Top Achievements Form, during the time frame of the award, and as the achievements apply to the purpose of this award.

Additional Details for the Award Statement

The Award Statement should include:

- 1) An overview of the nominee's mid-career contributions (years 10 to 20 of the nominee's professional career), including their significance to meat science, demonstrating:
 - a) achievement in serving the meat industry and meat science in their professional endeavors
 - b) has exhibited strong leadership, established a solid history of accomplishments and paving the way for continued contributions to the meat industry.
 - c) resulting in a successful track record of accomplishments and
 - d) outstanding contributions to the meat industry.

Supporting information may include accomplishments such as patents, trademarks, non-proprietary projects, number of products developed, number of students graduated, number/amounts of grants obtained, improvements in products or processes which have resulted in production efficiencies and novel process developments. Evidence of leadership development could include leading teams or programs, mentoring and developing others, impacting policy and any other activities indicative of achievement in industry, academia, government, or associations.

Information on numbers of publications (peer-reviewed articles as the senior author, peer-reviewed articles as contributing author; book chapters; extension bulletins; trade publications; abstracts) and presentations may be included in this statement.

- 2) A description of the nominee's contributions to AMSA.

Submit online Intent to Nominate by **January 28, 2026**.

Submit the completed application as one file (NameofNominee_AwardName) by **February 25, 2026**. More Information Online (AMSA Professional Award Documents and Submission)
Email all completed packets to AMSA Staff (information@meatscience.org)