



AMERICAN
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FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL
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FAFS STUDENT AWARDS 2023

Guidelines for Nominations

ALI NEHME NESR AWARD

The award is primarily merit based and goes towards covering the tuition fees of the selected awardee. The financial award is granted conditional to the submission of the full proposal. **All FAFS students are eligible to apply** as long as the topics revolve around **Water Energy Food and Health (WEFRAH) nexus** including commodities, value chain, processing, marketing, product innovation or any related topic in emerging markets in the MENA region and/or Sub-Saharan Africa specifically. The prize is 4,000 USD.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The student should submit a **one-page concept note** that includes the project summary, objective, methodology and impact on society. **Short-listed candidates will be requested to submit a full-proposal** by the end of classes in the fall and spring semesters. All proposals should be supervised by an academic advisor at FAFS.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The concept notes and full proposals are evaluated based on the below criteria (scores from 5 - Outstanding to 1 - Fair):

- Originality and Innovation (10%)
- Background and Context (20%)
- Goals and Objectives (10%)
- Design, Methodology and Implementation (20%)
- Societal, Environmental and Economic Impacts (20%)
- Feasibility and Sustainability (10%)
- Clarity and Format (10%)

NB: *Students who receive credits for courses obtained while on exchange at other universities do not qualify for the award.*



ABDUL HADI DEBS ENDOWMENT AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Each professor is entitled to recommend **ONLY ONE** graduate or undergraduate graduating in that semester or the preceding fall or summer terms to be considered for the award. Candidates must have an outstanding academic record and have demonstrated their research capabilities through a **manuscript** (published or submitted), project, or thesis deemed by the faculty to be worthy of publication. All nominated students are requested to submit a **CV and a copy of the published paper/thesis** (electronic copies). The prize is 1,000 USD.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation of the published paper/thesis is based on the scores and comments of reviewers chosen by the faculty members who nominated the student or the chair of SAC.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The concept notes and full proposals are evaluated based on the below criteria (scores from 5 - Outstanding to 1 - Fair):

- Literature review and rationale of the manuscript (clearly presented, reflects on relevant scientific literature and main discourse in the field of studies)
- Research question/aim and study objectives are formulated appropriately
- Study design and research methods (clearly described, scientifically rigorous methods/ techniques were adopted, appropriately address research question)
- Importance of the manuscript topic to the field and ability to show novel contributions
- Overall originality of the manuscript
- Technical writing skills (good coherence of thoughts, systematic presentation of ideas, minimal if any grammatical mistakes)



DEAN THOMAS SUTHERLAND PRIZE FOR GRADUATE EXCELLENCE

Each professor is entitled to recommend **ONLY ONE** graduate student who graduated in May 2022, October 2023, or February 2023. Candidates must have an outstanding academic record and the thesis to be judged as best overall for design, research, presentation, and contribution to its field. All nominated students are requested to submit a **CV and a copy of the thesis (electronic copies)**. The prize is 1,000 USD.

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PENROSE AWARD

This award is made to the outstanding graduate of each year (AUB Undergraduate Catalog p. 748). Faculty members and senior students are entitled to nominate **ONLY ONE** undergraduate candidate from FAFS. Candidates must have a **cumulative GPA of 80/3.2 or above**. All nominated students are requested to **submit a CV as well as a support letter**. The prize is 500 USD.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The qualified nominees are requested to give a **five-minute presentation** to SAC. SAC **shortlists three applicants** based on rubrics. Shortlisted applicants present to faculty in the Faculty Meeting and nominate the winner.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The concept notes and full proposals are evaluated based on the below criteria (scores from 5 - Outstanding to 1 - Fair):

- Scholarship (academic performance, contribution to research, academia, and field of study, papers, projects, workshops, conferences, presentations...) (30%)
- Character (10%)
- Leadership (30%)
- Contribution to university life (30%)



NEHME MOUJAES STUDENT AWARD

All FYP students whose projects fit the following criteria are eligible to be considered for the award: (1) Projects should have a clear focus that relates to the mission statement of being responsive to place, culture, and to the natural and ecological needs of the region; (2) Demonstrate clear understanding of the design process; (3) Demonstrate an understanding of scale and context; (4) Demonstrate integration of design and scientific knowledge; (5) Demonstrate responsiveness to human, ecological, and environmental needs; and (6) Demonstrate excellent verbal and visual communication skills. The prize is 1,000 USD.

EVALUATION PROCESS

All interested students are requested to submit a digital copy of their final year project drawings and presentation in addition to one page of text explaining the project and its

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EDGECOMBE MEMORIAL PRIZE

The Department of Agriculture selects an outstanding student in the **4th year Agriculture program** with the highest GPA. The prize is 500 USD.

KACHADURIAN AWARD*

The Department of Agriculture and AREC Director select a **deserving AREC student** who has shown outstanding performance in farm skills and practices, as well as appreciation for farm life at AREC.

* Non-Monetary Fund

THE JOANA HAIDAR AWARD

The Department of Agriculture and AREC Director select a **deserving AREC student** having a cumulative average of 75 and above. The student should be environmentally aware and interested in agricultural practices and development. The prize is 500 USD.

DEAN NUHAD DAGHER FAFS GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

The Department of Agriculture selects a graduating student with a master's degree in **Poultry Science or Animal Science** who succeeded to accumulate the highest average over his/her graduate studies at AUB. The prize is 1,000 USD.



DR. MUSA NAJIB NIMAH ENDOWED AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Department of Agriculture selects a graduating **Agriculture student** who has the highest cumulative GPA. The prize is 1,000 USD.

NAHLA HWALLA AWARD IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

The Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences selects a high distinction graduating student majoring in **Nutrition and Dietetics-Coordinated Program** who has exhibited collegiality and leadership with active engagement in student life to promote principles of nutrition and wellbeing. The prize is 1,000 USD.

SLEIMAN-FISCHER AWARD

The Dean and AREC Director will select the award recipient, with input from the faculty and staff. They will select an undergraduate student who meets the following criteria: (1) a 3rd or 4th year student who has committed to a FAFS major; (2) the student demonstrates financial need; (3) the student shows academic promise in the fields of agriculture, food or water security in the Middle East region or Africa. The prize is 1,000 USD.



THE AYMAN SULEIMAN STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AWARD*

The Dean will select the student(s) or team(s) that receive(s) the highest ranking in one or more of the following areas:

- Community support building through student experiential learning
- Effective deployment of resources
- Empowering student success
- Student learning and data gathering through informational interviews
- Focus groups, and surveys
- Practical solutions to real-life challenges.

* Non-Monetary Fund

RABI AND SAMIA MOHTAR AWARD

The Dean will select a graduating FAFS student who demonstrated leadership and potential to impact the food and agriculture system and with a documented financial need. The prize is 500 USD.

All award recipients shall receive a certificate and will be honored at the formal FAFS Award Ceremony in May. The name of the winner will be added to the list of names of the recipients in the Commencement Exercises of the Awarding of Degrees Booklet of this Academic Year.

