



## **AWARDS PROGRAM POLICY**

The IFT Board of Directors has the authority and responsibility for the administration of Institute awards. Following are the rules and regulations governing the administration of awards.

All IFT awards must meet these conditions:

1. All awards are honorary.
2. The field recognized by the award must be broad and important so that qualified candidates are continually nominated in sufficient numbers.
3. New Achievement Awards must be unique, distinctive and not duplicate existing IFT Awards.
4. The Board of Directors approves or disapproves all policies including new awards, rule changes, and regulation changes of award juries.
5. To be eligible to receive an IFT Achievement Award, a nominee must not have received another IFT Achievement Award within the previous three years. This restriction does not apply to being elected an IFT Fellow, receipt of the Marcel Loncin Research Prize or to Achievement Award winners with multiple recipients (i.e. commercialization teams) in the same year. A person is eligible to receive the Marcel Loncin Research Prize even if having received an IFT Achievement Award or been elected an IFT Fellow within the previous three years. An individual is not allowed to receive the same award or prize more than once.
6. Any current IFT Board of Directors members or a current Feeding Tomorrow Trustee are ineligible to be nominated or receive an IFT Achievement Award or IFT Fellow recognition during their term
7. All awards may be self-nominated, except the IFT Fellows. The IFT Fellow honor is independent of the achievement awards. Student members can nominate for the IFT Fellows
8. The award will be granted regardless of race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, presence of disabilities, and educational background.
9. No award is made when there is no suitably qualified candidate.
10. IFT Awards staff will work with the marketing department to advance a communication strategy beyond the IFT membership.
11. Public announcement of Award recipients will occur after the Board of Directors review of jury results. All awards are given at the Annual Meeting.
12. Preparation and distribution of news releases on award recipients is the responsibility of the IFT awards staff.