

**Background and Purpose:** The Dean's Excellence in Partnership Award is designed to recognize individuals and/or teams that develop and participate in partnership efforts that advance the mission of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources at Prairie View A&M University to serve Texans and the world. Individuals who are not employees of College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources who actively contribute to partnership endeavors are eligible for this award. By fostering meaningful collaborations, awardees demonstrate a profound dedication to leveraging knowledge, skills, and networks to drive positive impact and promote sustainable solutions. Whether through interdisciplinary projects, community engagement initiatives, or industry collaborations, recipients of this award embody the spirit of cooperation and collective action, advancing the institution's commitment to serving diverse stakeholders and enriching communities locally and globally. One (1) award may be presented for the Dean's Excellence in Partnership Award.

**Criteria for Award:**

Strategic Alignment: The partnership aligns with the strategic goals, mission, and priorities of CAFNR, contributing to the advancement of its overall mission and objectives; Clear connections are established between the partnership activities and the strategic direction of the college, ensuring mutual benefit and relevance

Collaborative Engagement: The partnership involves active collaboration and engagement with external entities, including industry partners, governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, community groups, and other stakeholders; Both parties contribute resources, expertise, and support to achieve common goals and objectives, fostering a spirit of reciprocity and mutual benefit

Impact and Outcomes: The partnership results in tangible outcomes, benefits, or impacts that positively affect CAFNR, its stakeholders, or the broader community; Measurable results are achieved, such as increased research collaborations, enhanced educational opportunities, improved outreach initiatives, or positive economic or social impacts

Innovation and Creativity: The partnership demonstrates innovation and creativity in its approach, bringing together diverse perspectives, expertise, and resources to address complex challenges or opportunities; creative solutions or approaches are developed to leverage the strengths and assets of both parties, resulting in novel or unique outcomes

Relationship Building and Networking: The partnership contributes to building and strengthening relationships and networks with external entities, fostering trust, goodwill, and long-term collaboration; Opportunities for networking, information sharing, and relationship building are actively pursued and leveraged to expand the reach and impact of the partnership

Sustainability and Scalability: The partnership is designed for long-term sustainability and scalability, with mechanisms in place to ensure ongoing collaboration,

communication, and support; Efforts are made to identify and address potential challenges or barriers to sustainability, such as funding, governance, or resource constraints.

Community Engagement and Impact: The partnership engages with and benefits local communities, stakeholders, or target audiences, addressing their needs, priorities, and aspirations; Positive impacts on community well-being, economic development, environmental sustainability, or social equity are achieved through the partnership activities

Recognition and Visibility: The partnership enhances the visibility and reputation of CAFNR, its partners, and the broader community through positive recognition and publicity; Efforts are made to showcase the achievements and impacts of the partnership through various communication channels, such as media coverage, publications, presentations, or events.