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**TO: Academic and Support staff members, Department of Plant Science.**

**FROM: The Bunge Canada-NSERC Innovation Award Committee**

**RE: THE BUNGE CANADA - NSERC INNOVATION AWARD**

**PLEASE NOTE: APPLICATIONS / NOMINATIONS  
ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THIS AWARD**

**THE BUNGE CANADA - NSERC INNOVATION AWARD**

The BUNGE CANADA - NSERC Innovation Award is an award established to formally recognize and financially reward innovation among the research support staff members in the Department of Plant Science at the University of Manitoba.

A four member selection committee, which consists of equitable representation of academic and research support staff members in the Department of Plant Science, is responsible for making recommendations to the Department Head regarding winner(s) of the award and amount to be awarded. The committee annually calls for applications / nominations for individual and/or group awards for the BUNGE CANADA - NSERC Innovation Award.

The awards are cash awards made to individuals or groups, as appropriate, made at an annual open meeting of the Department of Plant Science. Award winners may elect to accept the cash award, may use the award for travel, may direct the award to a scholarship fund, or may direct the award to other uses that will benefit the Department of Plant Science or the University of Manitoba. The successful Department of Plant Science research support staff individuals and/or groups are thus formally recognized

and financially rewarded for their achievements in innovation.

## APPLICATION/NOMINATION FORM

The **BUNGE CANADA - NSERC INNOVATION AWARD** was established for the purpose of formally recognizing and financially rewarding innovation among research support staff (AESES members) in the Department of Plant Science at the University of Manitoba. Award winners may elect to accept the cash award, may use the award for travel, may direct the award to a scholarship fund, or may direct the award to other uses that will benefit the Department of Plant Science or the University of Manitoba.

For the purposes of this award, **innovation** shall be defined as: effecting a positive change in the established order; introduction of something new; the change made by newly introduced ways of doing things. In the context of this award, it could include the development of new research methods and techniques which significantly improve the quality or quantity of research done in the Department of Plant Science, improve efficiency, precision, reproducibility, or safety, or permit the conduct of research in entirely new areas. The innovation can be the result of a Eureka moment or the cumulative effect of several incremental changes made over a long period of time.

Individuals and/or groups of the research support staff in the Department of Plant Science at the time of the innovation may apply or be nominated for this award. Please note that individuals may apply or be nominated for either an individual or group award **but not both**. Please also note that a Bunge Canada - NSERC Innovation award winner shall be ineligible to apply or be nominated for the award again for a period of three (3) years after receiving the award.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Applicant(s)/Nominee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervisor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator(s) (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed outline of the innovation(s) for which an innovation award is being sought. Outline is not to exceed two full pages. Clearly indicate the distinct innovative role performed by each member of a group for group award applications/nominations.

For further information, please contact the Department of Plant Science.

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Submit your application to [Bev.Godard@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Bev.Godard@umanitoba.ca)

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION / NOMINATION: April 12, 2024**