

Women in Food Safety Trailblazer Leadership Award

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I. Award Purpose

The **Women in Food Safety Trailblazer Leadership Award** recognizes an exceptional woman whose leadership has made a significant and lasting impact on food safety while empowering and developing the next generation of leaders. This award celebrates individuals who exemplify excellence, integrity, innovation, and service to the global food safety community.

II. Award Statement

The Women in Food Safety Trailblazer Leadership Award honors women who not only advance the profession of food safety through exceptional leadership, but also leave a lasting legacy by empowering others to lead. Their success is measured not only by what they achieve, but by the opportunities they create for future generations.

III. Award Selection Principles

The Women in Food Safety Trailblazer Leadership Award recognizes leadership beyond job titles. The Selection Committee will evaluate nominees based on the depth and breadth of their impact, their commitment to advancing food safety, and the legacy they are creating by empowering others.

We welcome nominations from industry, academia, government, nonprofit organizations, and regulatory agencies around the world. We encourage nominations that reflect the diversity of the global food safety profession.

IV. Eligibility

Nominees should:

- Be members of Women In Food Safety
- Have demonstrated outstanding leadership within the food safety profession.
- Have made meaningful contributions to advancing food safety in industry, government, academia, or nonprofit organizations.
- Demonstrate a sustained commitment to mentoring, sponsoring, or developing future food safety professionals.

- Embody the values of integrity, collaboration, inclusion, and continuous improvement.
- Be nominated by a colleague, peer, supervisor, or industry professional. (Self-nominations is also accepted.)

V. Evaluation Criteria

Category	Weight
Leadership Excellence	30%
Impact on Food Safety	25%
Mentorship & Leadership Development	25%
Innovation & Industry Influence	10%
Community Service & Professional Engagement	10%
	Total 100%

VI. Supporting Documentation

Each nomination should include:

- Completed nomination form
- Nominee biography (maximum 500 words)
- Nominee resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- Summary of key accomplishments and measurable impact
- Examples of mentorship, leadership, or community contributions (optional supporting materials such as publications, presentations, testimonials, or media coverage may also be included)

VII. Nomination Form

Submit the forms and all related documents to womeninfoods@gmail.com before Sep. 25th, 2026.

Nominator Information			
First Name		Last Name	
Organization		Position	
Contact phone		Contact Email	
Relationship to the Nominee ☐ Supervisor ☐ Colleague ☐ Mentor ☐ Mentee ☐ Professional Associate ☐ Other: _____			
Nominee Information			
First Name		Last Name	
Organization		Position	
Contact phone		Contact Email	
Country		LinkedIn Profile	
Years of Professional Experience			
Nominee Biography (Maximum 300 words) Please provide a brief professional biography of the nominee.			
Leadership Excellence (Maximum 450 words) Describe how the nominee has demonstrated exceptional leadership throughout her career. Consider examples such as: • Leading organizational transformation • Building high-performing teams • Creating a positive workplace culture • Driving strategic initiatives • Leading during times of change or crisis			

Contributions to Food Safety (Maximum 450 words)

Describe the nominee's most significant contributions to advancing food safety and food safety culture.

Examples may include:

- Food safety systems improvement
- Food Safety Culture establishment
- Regulatory leadership
- Scientific or technical innovation
- Public health impact
- Risk reduction

- Industry best practices
- Research or publications

Whenever possible, include measurable outcomes.

Mentorship & Developing Future Leaders (Maximum 450 words)

One of the defining characteristics of this award is empowering others.

Describe how the nominee has invested in developing future leaders.

Examples may include:

- Mentoring young professionals
- Sponsoring women into leadership roles
- Coaching and leadership development
- Supporting students

- Building inclusive teams
- Creating opportunities for career growth

Please include specific examples or testimonials whenever possible.

Innovation & Industry Influence (Maximum 450 words)

Describe how the nominee has influenced the broader food safety profession.

Examples include:

- Speaking engagements
- Industry leadership
- Standards development
- Innovation
- Cross-industry collaboration

- Professional publications
- Research
- Policy influence

Community Engagement (Maximum 450 words)

Describe how the nominee gives back to the profession or community.

Examples:

- Volunteer leadership
- Professional organizations
- Women in STEM advocacy
- Women in Food Safety involvement
- Community service

- Education and outreach

Why Should This Individual Receive the Women in Food Safety Trailblazer Leadership Award? (Maximum 300 words)

In your own words, tell us why this nominee deserves this recognition.
What makes her leadership exceptional?

Supporting Documents: Please attach the following: ☐ Current resume or CV ☐ Professional biography ☐ Two letters of recommendation Optional supporting materials: ☐ Publications ☐ Presentations ☐ Awards or recognitions ☐ Media coverage ☐ Testimonials ☐ Other supporting documents			
Nominee Consent ☐ I confirm that the nominee has been informed of this nomination and agrees to participate if selected.			
Nominator Declaration ☐ I certify that the information provided in this nomination is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge.			
Name			
Signature			Date