

# IFT Achievement Awards and Fellows Program Policy

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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. To be eligible to receive an IFT Achievement Award, a nominee must be a non-student IFT member in good standing.
3. The field recognized by the award must be broad and important so that qualified candidates are continually nominated in sufficient numbers.
4. New Achievement Awards must be unique, distinctive, and not duplicate existing IFT Awards.
5. The Board of Directors approves or disapproves all policies, including new awards, rule changes, and regulation changes of award juries.
6. To be eligible to receive an IFT Achievement Award, a nominee must not have received another IFT Achievement Award within the previous 3 years. An individual may not receive the same award or prize more than once or more than one award in the same year. These restrictions do not apply to designation as an IFT Fellow, receipt of the Collaborative Research Grant in honor of Marcel Loncin, or Achievement Award winners with multiple recipients (i.e., commercialization teams). When preparing the award submission, review the award eligibility and criteria carefully. For ease of jury scoring and deliberation, make every effort to tailor the nomination to the specific award.
7. Current IFT Board of Directors members are ineligible to be nominated for or receive an IFT Achievement Award or IFT Fellow designation during their term.
8. A member of the specific jury for an award is ineligible to be nominated for or receive that specific award.

9. All IFT Achievement Awards and IFT Fellow designations may be self-nominated.
10. Awards will be granted with consideration for all individuals, including by race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, presence of disabilities, political affiliation, and educational background.
11. No award is given when there are fewer than 3 nominees or when there are no suitable nominations as determined by the jury.
12. If an award receives fewer than 3 nominations, IFT staff will work with the nominee(s) who applied to resubmit their application, either as is or with updates, the next cycle the award is offered.
13. Public announcement of award recipients will occur after the Board of Directors reviews jury results. All awards are given at IFT FIRST: Annual Event and Expo.
14. Preparation and distribution of news releases on award recipients is the responsibility of IFT staff.