

The Jim McColl AIA Young Consultant Award

Dr Jim McColl, who passed away in 2013, was one of the early pioneers of the private farm consulting movement. He specialised in a whole of farm approach, including business aspects and was highly regarded by clients and colleagues.

The SA Division of Ag Institute Australia in which Jim spent much of his time, believes that it is fitting that his contribution to Australian agriculture be recognised in the long term. The **Jim McColl AIA Young Consultant Award** recognises the achievements of young consultants, an area in which Jim was passionate to assist in developing and one he would be proud to support.

Guidelines

Eligibility

- Open to consultants - defined as those engaged in fee for service work. Such work may be one-on one service for clients, project development/management activity, or advice to larger entities on management. Although employer type is not relevant, it is anticipated that applicants, in the main, will be privately or self-employed.
- Applicants will be providing services to clients in South Australia but may be resident in another State.
- Age 40 or younger, with at least five years consulting experience and currently engaged in consulting.
- Do not have to be an AIA member.

Selection Criteria

- Based on merit of work, which will include such things as demonstrated skills as a consultant, client involvement and contribution to the particular field of industry or regional activity.
- Contribution to agriculture generally.
- Must meet AIA ethics policy standards.
- A maximum of one award per year. The award may not be made every year.

Form of Award

- The Award – a certificate and free AIA membership for 12 months.
- The awardee is required to provide a suitable paper for publication in the AIA Agricultural Science Journal and deliver a presentation at an AIA forum to be determined with awardee.

How to apply

- Applications must be made using the attached form.
- Nominee must be nominated and seconded – one of which must be an AIA member.
- Client(s) endorsement is optional.