

Sanders Award for Advancing Biotic Science

Now accepting nominations for the 2026 award!

To honor ISAPP's longtime Executive Director, Dr. Mary Ellen Sanders PhD, this award will be given annually to someone who has helped advance the biotics field, including probiotics, prebiotics, synbiotics, postbiotics and fermented foods.

Award

The winner receives a plaque, speaking slot at the annual ISAPP meeting, travel award to the ISAPP meeting, and an unrestricted cash award (\$2500 USD).

Eligibility Criteria

Nominations are accepted for individuals who have advanced the field of biotic science in an important way. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Research or other activities in basic and applied science
- Participation in novel initiatives
- Scientific communication and stakeholder engagement
- Translational impact

Nominees can be from any sector, including academia, industry, and government.

The recipient of the award will be selected based on merit by a committee designated by the ISAPP Board of Directors.

Nomination Process

Please nominate via the ISAPP website at: https://isappscience.org/about/sanders-award-for-advancing-biotic-science/nomination/

Complete the online nomination form including details on:

- the reasons that the Nominee is deserving of the Sanders Award
- the relevant works of the Nominee, with links as appropriate

Nomination Deadline

Nominations close Friday 14th November 2025 (Pacific Standard Time). Entries will be reviewed by a panel of ISAPP scientists and verified by the Board of Directors, whose decision will be final.

