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# Food scientist Hettiarachchy named Fellow of American Oil Chemists' Society

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## Fast facts

* Navam Hettiarachchy, Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher, named Fellow of American Oil Chemist’s Society
* Hettiarachchy’s latest research includes research on 3-D printing of plant proteins

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Navam Hettiarachchy, a professor and researcher with the [Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station](https://aaes.uada.edu/), has been named a Fellow of the American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS).

[The AOCS](https://www.aocs.org/?SSO=True)advances the science and technology of oils, fats, proteins, surfactants, and related materials. The experiment station is the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

Hettiarachchy’s current research includes improvements on 3-D printing of plant proteins, enriched edible films and healthy food products. She is also professor of protein chemistry in the University of Arkansas department of food science in the [Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences.](https://bumperscollege.uark.edu/)

To be considered for the AOCS fellowship, candidates must have at least 15 years of continuous membership in the organization and make “exceptional achievements in science and/or exceptionally important service to the society or profession, including areas of research, industrial achievement, leadership, education, administration, communication, or regulatory affairs.”

Hettiarachchy will be presented a plaque and Fellow medal during the 2022 AOCS Annual Meeting and Expo that will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in May.

Hettiarachchy is also a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists and the International Academy of Food Science and Technology.

She is a past president of IFT-American Association of Food Scientists for the Indian Subcontinent, served as poster competition chair and is on the advisory board. Hettiarachchy is also a director of IFT's Phi Tau Sigma Honor Society and serves on the awards committee. Her leadership has led to many Bumpers College IFT student experiences, including first places in national product development contests as well as 11 regional champions and two national champions at IFT college bowl competitions.

Hettiarachchy is also a resource professor to the Asian Productivity Organization, sponsored by Japan, and has trained professors and scientists in food science and value addition to agriculture for participants from 17 countries multiple times.

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