

2017 REGENTS DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARDS

Award Philosophy and Guidelines

The Regents Distinguished Research Award recognizes research excellence at Oklahoma State University. The term research includes all creative scholarly activities. Recipients of the award will be selected based on the evidence of outstanding and meritorious achievements in research. The candidates must demonstrate a distinguished record of past and continuing excellence in research, and be clearly recognized nationally and internationally.

Number of Awards

One award per college may be awarded, except the College of Arts and Sciences may have two (one of which will be in the sciences and one in the arts/humanities/social sciences). The award will be a \$2,000 permanent increase in annual salary plus associated fringe benefits for the award winner, and an award plaque.

Eligibility and Nomination Criteria

- Full time faculty member at OSU for four or more years in any faculty appointment as of application deadline (includes tenure line as well as research faculty appointments). Early career faculty are not generally competitive for such awards.
- Evidence of national and international recognition of nominee's creative and research accomplishments.
- An individual can receive the award no more than twice during tenure at OSU.
- Each college must submit two nominations, except for the College of Arts and Sciences, which must submit four (two nominations must be from the sciences and two from the arts/humanities/social sciences disciplines).

Required Documentation

- A letter of nomination (**in addition** to the four letters of recommendation listed below)
- Curriculum vitae of the nominee, including list of scholarly accomplishments (publications, presentations, juried works, books, etc.) and funding history, if applicable.
- Four letters of recommendations
 - 1) One letter from an OSU faculty member
 - 2) One letter from the unit head. If a unit head is nominated then a letter of recommendation from the dean is required.
 - 2) Two letters from distinguished scholars from outside OSU who can substantiate the nominee's national/international reputation and research excellence. The letters of recommendation should not be solicited from the candidate's thesis/dissertation supervisor(s), collaborators in the past 5 years, or past students.
- An impact statement (maximum of 2 pages) by the candidate or by a colleague summarizing his/her research/creative contributions, and its impact on his/her field.

NOTE: Do not include printed publications with the nomination packets.

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Evidence to be considered in the Award Selection Process will include, but not limited to, some of the following:

- Publications in refereed journals, books, book chapters, and other creative and scholarly work.
- Record of extramural funding.
- Visibility at the national and international level in the candidate's field.
- Participation as an invited speaker, session chair, panel member or performer at the national and international conferences and events.
- Special awards and recognitions from the national and international societies in the candidate's field of research or creative activities.
- Highlights of research accomplishments at OSU.
- Intellectual property accomplishments.
- Any other evidence of research and creative excellence.

Award Process

- Deans, unit heads and associate deans for research will be notified in fall or early spring of the availability of this award.
- Colleges will develop a process whereby nominations are accepted. *A committee of prominent college faculty chaired by the associate dean for research will review support materials internally.*
- Two nominations for each college award, except for the College of Arts & Sciences which must submit four (two nominations from the sciences and two from the arts/humanities/social sciences), will then be forwarded by the dean of the college to the vice president for research (VPR) for consideration by the university-wide selection committee.
- Complete nomination packages from the colleges will be due in the VPR office by March 17, 2017.
- The university-wide selection committee's recommendation will be due to the VPR by June 1, 2017.
- The awards will be presented at the Fall Convocation.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will be made up of *prominent faculty from each college, preferably immediate past awardees*, and the chairperson of the Research Committee of the Faculty Council. The committee will be chaired on a rotating basis by one of the associate deans for research according to the following schedule:

*Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources
Arts and Sciences
Business
Education
Engineering, Architecture and Technology
Human Sciences
Veterinary Health Sciences

*Current Chair

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