EHA Research Excellence Award
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Award philosophy:
This award recognizes research excellence. The term research includes all scholarly, scientific and creative, activities. Recipients of the award will be selected based on the evidence of outstanding and meritorious achievements in research. Candidates must demonstrate a distinguished record of past and continuing excellence in research and be clearly recognized nationally and internationally. The criteria for the EHA Research Excellence Award are based on criteria adapted from the OSU Regents Distinguished Research Award. The EHA award recipient and one runner-up serve as nominees for the OSU Regents Distinguished Research Award.

Award recipient will receive:
• $500 one-time award only (deposited into recipient’s professional development account)
• Recipient is announced at the EHA Excellence Awards Ceremony in May at which time they will receive public recognition of award, and an inscribed plaque.

Eligibility and nomination criteria:
• EHA full time faculty member at OSU for four or more years as of the application deadline. An individual can receive the award no more than twice.
• Evidence of excellence of the nominee’s research accomplishments.

Nomination materials must be emailed to janell.hamilton-pledger@okstate.edu as a single Pdf and must include the following:
1. One letter of nomination that includes an impact statement summarizing his/her contributions and the impact on his/her field (2-page limit).
2. Curriculum vitae of the nominee, including list of scholarly accomplishments (publications, presentations, juried works, books, etc.) and funding history, if applicable.
3. Letters of support
   a) One letter of recommendation from a faculty member at OSU
   b) One letter of recommendation from the school head. (If a school head is nominated then a letter of recommendation from the dean is required.)
   c) Two letters of recommendation from distinguished scholars from outside OSU who can substantiate the nominee’s national/international reputation and research excellence. These letters of recommendation should not be solicited from the candidate’s thesis supervisor, collaborators, or past students.

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

Evidence to be considered in the award selection process will include, but not limited to, 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.

Nomination process & review and selection:

• Schools develop a process whereby nominations are accepted and support materials reviewed internally.
• The EHA FDRC serves as the college review and selection committee and typically requires all nominations and support materials be submitted in February. FDRC makes a recommendation for award recipient and one runner-up to the EHA Dean in March.
• EHA recipient receives $500 (one-time award to be deposited into recipient’s professional development account), an award plaque, and recognition at the EHA Excellence Awards Ceremony in May.
• EHA award recipient and one runner-up serve as college nominees for the OSU Regents Distinguished Research Award from the Office of the Vice President for Research in March. EHA must email two nominees to the Office of the Vice President for Research.
• OSU Regents Distinguished Research Award recipient receives a $2,000 permanent increase in annual salary plus associated fringe benefits, and an award plaque at the President’s Convocation in December.

Please direct questions & nomination packets to:
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