



Marguerite Scruggs Award for Meritorious Early Career Research

The college invites nominations for the *Marguerite Scruggs Award for Meritorious Early Career Research*. This award recognizes faculty who, through achievements in the early stages of their careers, demonstrate outstanding potential to become distinguished faculty of the college in the future.

Award Details

The recipient will receive \$500 in professional development funds and an engraved plaque inscribed with their name and the award's title. Funds are provided through an endowment that was established to recognize outstanding research contributions by early career faculty in the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Eligibility

- Tenure-track faculty at the assistant professor rank in the College of Education and Human Sciences are eligible for this award.

Evaluation Criteria

The award is given annually to a pre-tenure faculty member at the rank of assistant professor who has demonstrated exceptional performance and/or the potential for national recognition in research/creative activity. The following criteria will be used by the review committee:

- Evaluation of scholarly promise.
- Research/creative activity including, but not limited to, refereed and invited publications; presentations at national conferences; external funding for the support of scholarly pursuits; and inventions and patents.
- Impact the research has on the discipline; indications of innovation in research rather than quantity of production will be considered.
- Nominee's research has primarily, but not necessarily exclusively, been performed while a faculty member at Oklahoma State University.

Nomination Period

The nomination period begins on November 15. All nominations must be submitted **by 11:59 p.m., February 16, 2024**. The award recipient will be notified during the spring semester, followed by a college-wide announcement.

Nomination Procedure

Nominations may be made by any faculty member or administrator in the college, a colleague, or a self-nomination.

Complete the online nomination form [here](#). The nomination dossier for this award includes:

- 1) Curriculum vitae of nominee; vitae should include, but is not limited to:
 - a. List of publications in refereed journals. The nomination materials should include reprints/copies of publications that represent the faculty member's most significant contributions.
 - b. List of refereed and invited presentations at national conferences.
 - c. Number of graduate students currently advised, number of graduate students advised who have completed degree requirements, and list awards received by graduate students.
 - d. Journal reviewer and/or editorial board information.
 - e. Leadership positions and service in national professional organizations.
 - f. Funded grants/contracts.
 - g. Other appropriate information (e.g., invention disclosures, patents, etc.)
- 2) Narrative description of the nominee's research area(s). The narrative should emphasize the nominee's research accomplishments and the importance of the research program.
- 3) Supportive evaluation of research achievements, including:
 - a. One letter of support from someone within the university appraising the research submitted for consideration.
 - b. One letter of support from an evaluator outside the university who is qualified to evaluate the subject matter of the research submitted for consideration.
- 4) Any other pertinent evidence of the quality of research achievements and accomplishments.

Important Note

Letters of support *must be requested through the online application portal*. The application *requires the email addresses of two individuals* who have agreed to provide a letter of support. As noted above, *one of these letters must be from someone outside of the Oklahoma State University system*.

The CEHS Faculty Development and Research Committee (FDRC) serves as the college review and selection committee and typically requires that nominations be submitted by mid-January. FDRC makes a recommendation for the award recipient to the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies early in the spring semester.