



Research Excellence Award

The college invites nominations for the Research Excellence Award. This award recognizes research excellence at Oklahoma State University. The term research includes all scholarly, scientific, and creative activities.

Award Details

The recipient will receive \$500 in professional development funds and a plaque with their name engraved on it. The plaque will be presented during the college's spring awards ceremony. The college's award recipient and one runner-up will become the college's two nominees for the university-level Regents Distinguished Research Award.

Eligibility

- Full-time faculty members (in any faculty appointment) who have been at OSU for four or more years as of the application deadline. Note that this includes tenure line as well as research faculty appointments.
- Evidence of excellence of the nominee's research accomplishments.
- An individual can receive the award no more than twice.
- This honor is bestowed on those who have demonstrated meritorious achievement in research. It is not sufficient for a candidate to be "on the right track" or "demonstrating potential." As such, early career faculty are not generally competitive for these awards.
- Each school/department may nominate up to two faculty members.

Evaluation Criteria

The criteria for this award are based on criteria adapted from the OSU Regents Distinguished Research Award. The college's award recipient and one runner-up will become the college's two nominees for the university-level Regents Distinguished Research Award.

- 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.

Nomination Period

The nomination period begins on October 1. All nominations must be submitted **by 11:59 p.m., November 15**. The award recipient will be notified during the spring semester, and the award recipient will be announced later in the spring semester.

Nomination Procedure

Each school/department will determine an internal process for putting forward up to two nomination packets to the college selection committee.

Complete the online nomination form [here](#). A complete nomination dossier for this award will be submitted electronically as a single PDF document[^] that includes:

1. A letter of nomination* (from the nominee or from a colleague) which includes an impact statement (maximum of 2 pages) summarizing the nominee's research/creative contributions and its impact on their field.
2. One additional letter of recommendation* from the unit head.
 - a. If a unit head is nominated, then a letter of recommendation from the dean is required.
 - b. If the unit head is the nominator, then the letter of recommendation can come from any faculty colleague (within OSU).
 - c. Complete the Biographical Sketch Information (located within the online nomination form).
 - d.

*All documentation must be provided from internal OSU sources. Outside letters of nomination/recommendation will not be accepted.

[^]Please use the following file name convention for the single PDF document:
"Nominee's Last Name_Department_REA.pdf".

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-November. The FDRC makes a recommendation for the award recipient to the Dean early in the spring semester.