Research Excellence Award

The college invites nominations for the Research Excellence Award. This award recognizes research excellence at Oklahoma State University. The term research is intended to be inclusive of all scholarly, scientific, and creative activities.

Award Details

The recipient will receive $500 in professional development funds and an engraved plaque inscribed with their name and the award’s title. 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/creative activity 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 or creative activities.
- The candidates must demonstrate a distinguished record of past and continuing excellence in research or creative activities.
Nomination Period

The nomination period begins on November 15. All nominations must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., January 22, 2024. The award recipient will be notified during the spring semester, followed by a college-wide announcement.

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 includes:

1. A letter of nomination* (from a faculty member or administrator in the College of Education and Human Sciences) which includes an impact statement (maximum of 2 pages) summarizing the nominee’s research/creative contributions and their impact on their field.
2. One additional letter of recommendation from a faculty member or administrator in the College of Education and Human Sciences or another college at OSU (inclusive of both the OSU-Stillwater and OSU-Tulsa campuses).
3. Nominee’s Curriculum Vitae

Important Notes

- Letters of recommendation must be requested through the online application portal. Nominators will be asked to submit the email addresses of the individuals providing letters. Nominations must be submitted by the January 22, 2024, deadline, and letters will be due no later than January 24, 2024.
- At the time of award submission, the only item required to submit the application is the nominee’s CV.

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

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. The FDRC makes a recommendation for the award recipient (and runner-up) to the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies early in the spring semester.