

COE Outstanding College Researcher Award

This award recognizes faculty members who are acknowledged for (a) their research nationally or internationally, (b) their quality of scholarly work, and (c) their contribution to profession/discipline.

Individuals designated as the Outstanding College Researcher will receive a \$500 award and be eligible to apply for the Outstanding University Researcher Award.

These guidelines closely mirror those for the Outstanding University Researcher Award.

Criteria for Eligibility

1. Nominees must be tenured or probationary tenure-line faculty members currently conducting research. Full time administrators (e.g., Deans, Department Chairs/School Directors, Associate Deans, etc.) are not eligible. Administrators returning to the faculty become immediately eligible for the award. Research conducted during their time as administrators may be included in their nomination materials. Nominees must have been at Illinois State University for a minimum of three academic years prior to nomination.
2. Previous recipients of the award are ineligible.
3. Individuals may not be nominated for both the Outstanding College Researcher Award and the Research Initiative Award simultaneously.

Procedures for Submission of Nominations

4. Eligible faculty members should submit applications to the Associate Dean for Research by the date listed on the website (usually sometime in September). Applicants should follow the following guidelines, which closely mirror the guidelines for the Outstanding University Researcher Award.
5. The evaluation of applications will be made by the College of Education Research Committee.

Application

A complete application should include:

1. Coversheet: [Fillable PDF](#)
2. A statement from the nominee describing their roles assumed on the various projects, the increased influence of more recent scholarly work, the goals for the current research/creative endeavors, the rationale involved in the development of research program/creative endeavors, recent publications, and the increased influence of works. The statement should describe the nominee's plans for ongoing and future contributions to the field. The statement should provide evidence of or potential for national and/or international importance. The statement should be written at a level appropriate for peers outside the discipline. In addition to a description of current activities, the statement should address the significance of the nominee's total body of research and/or creative expression to the field. (1 to 1 and 1/2 pages single spaced.)
3. A full career vita. Research accomplishments should be categorized and listed, beginning with the most -recent, using the Evaluation Guidelines and [Criteria of Scholarly and Creative](#)

Productivity found in these application materials. Complete citations must be given for all published works.

- a. Authorship or co-authorship of peer-reviewed published materials such as journal articles, abstracts, monographs, books, book chapters, cases, artistic works, software, or other professional and technical documents;
 - b. Authorship or co-authorship of published materials such as editorially reviewed books, articles, abstracts, translations, software, cases, artistic works or other professional and technical documents;
 - c. Production and presentation of radio and television works, films and videos related to the scholarly or creative discipline;
 - d. Refereeing or editing journal articles, grant proposals, and book manuscripts;
 - e. Presentations and papers delivered at local, regional, national and international meetings;
 - f. Performances, exhibitions, and other creative activities locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
 - g. Managing or serving as a consultant for exhibitions and performances;
 - h. Obtaining competitive external or internal grants related to scholarly and creative productivity;
 - i. Writing and submitting proposals for competitive grants, internal or external, related to scholarly and creative productivity;
 - j. Writing and submitting required grant and contract reports;
 - k. Receiving internal or external awards obtained for scholarly or creative productivity;
 - l. Providing evidence that scholarly or creative works have been submitted for review;
 - m. Documenting scholarly or creative works in progress.
4. Endorsement of the application by the nominee's department chairperson/school director or a faculty member in their department/school is a critical component of the application. The endorsement should address: (a) quality of the work, (b) reputation of the journals/juried events, (c) the scope of influence of the nominees work nationally and internationally, and (d) contribution to of the work to the advancement of the discipline. (See Criteria for Evaluation below.)
 5. At least one external letter of support, but no more than three letters, should be included in the materials submitted for consideration. External letters of support provide reviewers with helpful insights about the contribution of the research accomplishments to the discipline and society.

Criteria for Evaluation

1. A nominee's record of research and publication while at Illinois State University will be given greatest weight in the Council's deliberations, although a full career vita for each nominee will be evaluated.
2. Nominees will be evaluated for (a) nationally and internationally recognized research, (b) quality of scholarly work, and (c) contribution to profession/discipline.
3. Written endorsements should address these criteria:
 - a. Importance of nominee's research nationally and internationally.
 - b. Quality/uniqueness of scholarly work.
 - c. How work makes unusual contribution to professional discipline.

NOTE: Please be aware that reviewers of the Outstanding Researcher Award nominees are colleagues with expertise in diverse scholarly fields. It is important to address each nominee's achievements with information clarifying how the work qualifies as outstanding in the particular discipline represented. (For example, scholarly activity in fine arts may be judged in quite different terms from scholarship in physics.)

Distribution of Award

The winner of this award will receive \$500 from the College. Funds are provided by the University to each college so they may recognize an outstanding researcher. Funds must be expended by the end of the fiscal year in which the award is granted.