



THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
2013 Outstanding Researcher Award
Criteria and Nomination Process

The Award

Through the University of Akron Research Foundation, two annual awards will be presented to recognized superior research efforts at the University. To provide encouragement and incentive for continued scholarly research achievement, the 2013 awards will include a \$1,000 honorarium as well as \$1,000 in research support for research.

Eligibility

All full-time faculty members (instructor through professor) currently engaged in research, employed by the University for at least five years, and engaged in original and/or creative research are eligible for consideration. The nominee's research must have contributed to the faculty member's field of endeavor and be evidenced by federally or industrially funded grants and contracts, as well as publications in refereed journals, scholarly books, and/or patents. The awards are to be based primarily on research achievement, although scholarly activity and productivity as reflected in the quality of teaching and its impact on students may be taken into account.

Nomination Process

Nominations may be made by students, faculty, staff or alumni; self-nominations will not be considered. Nominations should include a cover letter and a support portfolio, including a current professional vita. A faculty advisory group of previous awardees will evaluate all nominations and submit the names of finalists to the President of the Research Foundation, who in consultation with the University Provost, will then select two recipients for this year's award. ***Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, March 1st; those received thereafter will not be considered.***

General Criteria

The quality of research is impacted by subject matter, presentation of data, publication of results, and availability of funding sources. The following guidelines are to aid you in formulating your nomination statement and identifying the potential, distinguished candidate. Remember that these are only general guidelines. Feel free to include any other information you believe supports your nomination.

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An Outstanding University of Akron Researcher:

- *Possesses a comprehensive knowledge of his/her field – as shown by a scholarly grasp of the subject and an abiding interest in the academic discipline;*
- *Organizes and presents subject matter effectively – as demonstrated by publication in refereed journals and/or patents;*
- *Stimulates thinking and develops understanding – as shown by performed scholarly research that benefits the University, the academic discipline, students, and the community;*
- *Possesses an image of leadership and viewed as an expert or leader in his/her field; and*
- *Demonstrates resourcefulness – uses methods and techniques of research appropriate and practical for learning.*

Please Submit Nominations by Friday, March 1, 2013 to:

**The University of Akron
Office of the Vice President for Research
Akron, OH 44325-4717**