

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH



2015 Outstanding Researcher Awards *Criteria and Application Process*

THE AWARDS

Through the Office of Research Administration (ORA), up to two annual awards including a \$1,500 honorarium will be presented to recognize superior research efforts at the University.

ELIGIBILITY

All full-time faculty members currently employed by the University for at least five years are eligible for consideration. The applicant'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 on the faculty member's research achievement.

NOMINATION-APPLICATION PROCESS

Individuals, who are nominated by their department for this award should collect, prepare, organize, and submit a portfolio containing the following materials to the Office of Research Administration by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015. The materials should be contained in a 3-ring binder with labeled tabs for each of the requested sections.

1. A current and complete curriculum vitae
2. Supporting material (no more than 20 pages, single-sided), that includes:
 - a. A letter of nomination from the department chair or school director or supervisor (no more than three pages long, double-spaced)
 - b. A letter of application -- no more than 4 pages in length -- responding to the general criteria, highlighting applicant's level of research achievement
 - c. Colleague testimonials and letters of support -- no more than 5, total -- that focus on applicant's research at UA
 - d. Other forms of **verifiable** evidence which support the application

GENERAL CRITERIA

Excellence in outstanding research and scholarship can take many forms. Those submitting materials may want to consider the following perspectives:

An Outstanding University of Akron Researcher must:

- Possess a comprehensive knowledge of his/her field -- as shown by a scholarly grasp of the subject and an abiding interest in the academic discipline
- Organize and present subject matter effectively -- as demonstrated by publication in refereed journals, books, funded competitive federal grants, etc.
- Be viewed internationally as an expert or leader in his/her field

*Submit Nominations by Monday, March 2, 2015 to: Outstanding Researcher Awards Committee,
The University of Akron, Office of Research Administration, Akron, OH 44325-4717*