

# **Research Excellence Awards**

## **Purpose**

The Research Excellence Award recognizes outstanding contributions to research and innovation, honoring individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, originality, and impact in their respective fields. This award celebrates groundbreaking discoveries, influential research leadership, and contributions that benefit society.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

These awards are open to faculty and researchers.

### **Research Impact, Innovation & Originality**

- Significant contributions to advance knowledge, pioneer new approaches, or challenge existing paradigms.
- Development of new models, theories, or frameworks that influence the field.
- Research leading to intellectual property protection, commercialization, or real-world applications.

### **Collaboration, Leadership & Recognition**

One or more of the following:

- Active fostering of research partnerships across disciplines, institutions, or industries.
- Exemplary mentorship of emerging scholars, students, or early-career researchers.
- Recognition through appointments to prestigious academies, leadership roles in professional organizations, or major awards.

### **Publications & Funding**

One or more of the following:

- Strong track record of peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations, patents, licensing agreements or startup ventures.
- Strong record of extramural funding and other significant scholarly achievements.
- Evidence of research visibility and impact, such as high citation rates, policy influence, or industry adoption.

## **Commitment to Ethical Standards**

- Dedication to integrity, ethical research practices, and responsible scientific inquiry.
- Upholding the highest standards of transparency, reproducibility, and professional conduct.

## **Nomination Process**

- A nomination form must include:
  - Specific examples demonstrating the nominee's impact.
  - At least two letters of support from colleagues, students, or institutional leadership.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the Institutional Awards Taskforce

## **Nomination Process:**

- Nominations can be submitted by peers, supervisors, or collaborators, using the Institutional Awards Nomination Submission Form.
- A statement from the nominator detailing specific examples of the nominee's research efforts, impact, and/or real-world applications.
- At least 2 letters of support from peers
- Nominations will be reviewed by the University Research Committee, which will recommend up to two (2) recipient(s) to the Institutional Awards Taskforce based on the established criteria.

## **Award Presentation**

- The Award will be presented annually at the Board of Trustees Past & Present Gratitude Dinner
- Up to two Recipients for Clinical/Educational or Basic Science Research.
- Recipients will be featured in internal communications and recognized for their contributions to advancing the university's research mission.