The OSU Impact Award for Outstanding Scholarship

The Research Council recommends that a new award be created to recognize scholarship that has had substantial impact beyond the university setting. This award recognizes a specific research project or creative activity that was broadly disseminated and whose implications were found to have great impact by a broad constituency. Evidence of interest by the media and general public is required for this award.

The award will be announced each year at a culminating moment during OSU Research Day. The award is comprised of a listing on a plaque prominently displayed in the Research Office, plaques for the recipient and for the recipient’s college and a $6000 honorarium. The awardee will be invited to present the highlights of the work at a one-hour presentation that is open to the public.

The Impact award is to recognize an outstanding scholarship activity and is therefore open to all OSU faculty. The activity must have been published or presented within 3 y of the nomination. Each Department may nominate a person; the respective College should then choose the College’s one nominee. It is suggested that the Faculty Senate Recognition and Awards Committee should include at least one member from University Advancement and one member from the Research Office.

Nominations must contain:
- a cover letter detailing the justification for the nomination by the nominator
- a complete vita and copies of selected publications relevant to the nomination, including items from the print and broadcast media
- five letters of reference, one from the Department chair, one from the College dean, and three of which from referees that must not be associated with the University. Letters from persons representing the media may be included.