The OSU Impact Award for Outstanding Scholarship

This award recognizes outstanding scholarship activity resulting in substantial impact beyond the university setting. 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.

Eligibility

The Impact award is to recognize an outstanding scholarship activity and is therefore open to all OSU faculty.

Award Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated on the evidence of outstanding scholarship activity. Such evidence should include the following:

• Recognition of a specific research project or creative activity that was broadly disseminated.
• Implications of the project or activity were found to have great impact by a broad constituency.
• The project or activity must have been published or presented within 3 years of the nomination.
• Evidence of interest by the media and general public is required.

Nomination Process

Each Department may nominate a person; the respective College should then choose the College’s one nominee.

Nominations shall include: (1) the completed nomination form; (2) the nominee’s complete vita and copies of selected publications relevant to the nomination, including items from the print and broadcast media; and (3) evidence of the candidate's achievements; specifically, a total of three letters of support shall provide sufficient information to make an evaluation of nominees. At least one letter of support shall be written by the Department chair, one shall be written by the College dean, and the third shall be from a referee who must not be associated with the University but who can comment on the nominee's qualifications. The nominator is not eligible to submit a letter of support. The letters of support each shall not exceed three single-sided pages using at least 12 font and 1” margins. Please be certain that the nomination materials, particularly the three letters, address the criteria.
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Selection Process

Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee, and a representative from both the Research Office and University Advancement. Committee recommendations will be made on the basis of the information submitted; the committee does not solicit additional information.
Promising Scholar Award

The Research Council recommends that a new award to recognize the scholarship of junior faculty be created and presented at Research Day. This award is intended to be presented to a tenured/tenure-track or research track faculty within 10 years of receiving a Ph.D. and at least 3 y at OSU at the time of nomination. The award consists of a $4000 prize and a plaque. The title “Promising Scholar” will be awarded to a faculty member who has achieved a high level of accomplishment in a relatively short period of time, and who is also expected to continue their extraordinary work.

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.