The 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.

In order to qualify for the title of “Promising Scholar”, a faculty member must meet at least one of the following two criteria. Under each criterion are examples of evidence that could be used to demonstrate the contribution to be significant:

1. Outstanding scholarly activity
   - a. Published articles (peer-reviewed journal articles, technical reports, book chapters, and essays)
   - b. Books (original works and textbooks, researched compilations, edited books)
   - c. Grant support (competitive, peer-reviewed research grants; foundation grants)

2. Outstanding creative activity
   - a. Production, exhibition, or performance of creative work (visual or performing art, or literature presented in the form of peer-reviewed publications, juried exhibits, noteworthy performances, readings or recordings; solo exhibits)
   - b. Commissioned or collected works (commissions for creative work; works collected by public and private museums and galleries)

Nominations must contain:
- a cover letter (maximum 500 words) detailing the justification for the nomination by the nominator
- a complete vita and copies of selected evidence of excellence relevant to the nomination
- five letters of reference, one from the Department chair, one from the College dean, and three of which from referees who must not be associated with the University