Promising Scholar Award

This award recognizes the scholarship of junior faculty and bestows upon the recipient the title “Promising Scholar.” The award consists of a $4000 prize and a plaque to be presented at Research Day.

Eligibility

Nominees must meet these criteria to be eligible:

- 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 years at OSU at the time of nomination.
- achievement of a high level of accomplishment in a relatively short period of time, and who is also expected to continue their extraordinary work.

Award Criteria

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)

Nomination Process

Nominations shall include: (1) the completed nomination form; (2) the nominee’s complete vita and copies of selected evidence of excellence relevant to the nomination; 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 written by the College dean, and the third shall 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. Committee recommendations will be made on the basis of the information submitted; the committee does not solicit additional information.

Signed

**Selection Process**

Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee and a member of the Research Council. Committee recommendations will be made on the basis of the information submitted; the committee does not solicit additional information.

Nominations must contain:

- a cover letter (maximum 500 words) detailing the justification for the nomination by the nominator. *The nomination form takes the place of the cover letter.*
- five three letters of reference, one one, and three of which from referees who must not be associated with the University.