Appendix B

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 years 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 should 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
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 years 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 University Awards committee should include at least one member from University Advancement and one member from the Research Office.

Nominations should 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.