The OSU Impact Award

In addition, the Research Awards Sub-Committee of the Research Council recommends that a new award be created to recognize a research or creative project 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 import 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 as the culminating moment at University Day or at OSU Research Day (to be decided). The award is comprised of a listing on a plaque prominently displayed in the Research Office and a $5000 honorarium (given as a tax-paid check). The awardee will be expected to present the highlights of the work at a 1 hour presentation that is open to the public.

The Impact award is to recognize an outstanding 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 award committee should then choose the College’s one nominee.

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.