

SFASU Foundation, Inc.

Faculty Achievement Award for Research

HISTORY

In 1994, the SFASU Foundation Board of Trustees, as an expression of its support for excellence in teaching, established an award to be presented to an outstanding faculty member each year in recognition of innovation and/or excellence in the area of teaching, research or service. Late in 1999, the board voted to establish two awards, one for teaching and one for research.

RESEARCH

In establishing the Faculty Achievement Award for Research, the SFASU Foundation Board of Trustees wishes to honor an individual who is active in:

- research defined as a systematic study directed toward fuller scholarly understanding of the subject studied,
- publication of professional referenced journals of state, regional, national or international significance,
- scholarly or creative endeavors,
- presentations or performances at regional, national, or international events, and/or His or her academic discipline and
- is recognized by professional peers as having made an outstanding contribution to the field of study or performing arts.

HONORS

The recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award for Research is presented a commemorative watch and a \$1,000 check at the Foundation's annual Gala event in December. The new honoree and guest will also receive complimentary tickets to the Gala and will be seated in a place of honor.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for the award must be current full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty of Stephen F. Austin State University. Individuals serving on the SFASU Foundation Faculty Award Selection Committee are ineligible to receive the award.

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CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Candidates must be nominated by the dean of their college, chair of their department or simply apply for the award. The applicant/nominee is responsible for developing and submitting to the selection committee supporting materials, including:

- current vita,
- formal letter of application that summarizes the materials presented and provides any additional information which might be helpful to the committee,
- three to five supporting letters from chairs, peers on campus, and at least one letter that attests to the quality of the applicant's/nominee's research/scholarly/creative activities, and
- supporting materials – limited to no more than twenty one sided or ten double sided pages that clearly addresses specific areas of outstanding achievement in research, publications, performances, funded research, creative activities, serving as a major advisor on thesis/exhibition/dissertation committees, and other research activities. If supporting materials include reference to research of other publications, the applicant should include a photocopy of the first page of the publication.

Years of service and /or rank will not be considered in the selection process. Only the **last five years** of a person's research activities will be considered in the selection process.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Committee will consist of four members of the University Research Council (URC) plus a full member of the graduate faculty at SFA who is not on the Research Council. The selection committee will be appointed by the Chair of the URC and approved by the SFASU Foundation, Inc. Board prior to the beginning of the nomination/application process. The selection committee will elect one of its members to serve as chair.

DEADLINES

All materials must be delivered by the deadline stated in the attached memorandum.