

# **SFASU Foundation, Inc.**

## **Faculty Achievement Award for Research**

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### **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 CRITERIA**

In establishing the Faculty Achievement Award for Research, the SFASU Foundation Board of Trustees wished 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; or
- presentations or performances at regional, national or international events relating to his or her academic discipline.

The individual also should be 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 \$1,500 check at the Foundation's annual Gala event in December. The new honoree will receive two 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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**MATERIALS FOR SUBMISSION**

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

- current vita;
- letter of nomination and four supporting letters from chairs and peers on campus (Note: All letters should attest to the quality of the candidate's research/scholarly/creative activities); and
- supporting materials, which are limited to no more than 20 one-sided or 10 double-sided pages that clearly address specific areas of outstanding achievement in research, publications, performances, funded research, creative activities, serving as a major adviser on thesis/exhibition/dissertation committees, and other research activities. If supporting materials include reference to research of other publications, the nominee 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 **most recent five years** of a person's research activities will be considered in the selection process.

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The committee will consist of the associate vice president/director for graduate studies and research, two deans rotating annually who are selected by the Provost, the chair of the University Research Council (URC), a representative from the Graduate Council, plus a representative from the SFASU Foundation Board of Trustees. 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.