



## **CSM Outstanding Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award**

The College of Science and Mathematics' Outstanding Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award acknowledges sustained excellence in research, scholarship and creative activity. The award recognizes significant and impactful contributions to the field of study and the larger scientific community, development of new and innovative ideas in research, contributions toward building the research infrastructure and culture, and a notable record of presentations, publications and funding.

### **Criteria**

The candidate must demonstrate a sustained record of research, scholarship and/or creative activity, and an impact on their field of study. The following are non-ranked examples of accomplishments that may be included as evidence.

- Peer-reviewed publications;
- Record of research grants and contracts;
- Record of holding patents and licenses;
- Conference presentations, participations and contributions;
- Development of software, instructional tools, and electronic media;
- Dissemination of scholarly work or creative activities to the appropriate audiences and professional groups through, for example, the presentation of seminars, workshops, invited talks, artistic performances or artistic exhibits;
- External awards and recognitions by local, national and international organizations for scholarly and creative achievements;
- Inclusion of research and scholarly work results in instruction and/or course development and improvement;
- Involvement in organizing local, national and international conferences, forums, artistic exhibits, galleries and performances;
- Leadership in developing new areas of scholarship and creativity;
- Overall contributions to the advancement, application, or pedagogy of a discipline or interdisciplinary studies;

### **Eligibility\***

Any full-time teaching faculty, lecturer/senior lecturer, non-tenure track professorial ranked faculty, or clinical faculty with an earned masters or terminal degree (or equivalent) within the College of Science and Mathematics having completed a minimum of 2 years of service at KSU within CSM. Administrators with faculty rank



(Department Chairs, Assistant and Associate Deans, Dean) are ineligible for these faculty awards while holding an administrative position. Assistant department chairs, program directors and coordinators are eligible for this award.

Award winners are eligible to be nominated once every 5 years within this category. The award recipient must be under contract at KSU when the award is presented.

\* For the College's Outstanding Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award recipient to be considered for the University's Research and Creative Activity Award, the award recipient must meet all the eligibility requirements set by the University including a minimum of 5 years of service at KSU with a total of 10 years of higher education experience. In the case where the College's award recipient does not meet the conditions of time at KSU and in higher education, the College Awards Committee may choose to nominate an alternate from among the pool of award nominees whose accomplishments are also meritorious and meet all of the University's eligibility criteria.

The University-level Research and Creative Activity Award identifies eight broad research areas for consideration: 1) Artistic and Creative Pursuits, 2) Natural and Physical Sciences, 3) Engineering Applications, 4) Social Sciences and Humanities, 5) Applied Learning and Education, 6) Health and Behavioral Sciences, 7) Business and Industry Applications and 8) Interdisciplinary Research. Some of the categories are not applicable to research areas within the College of Science and Mathematics; however, categories other than Natural and Physical Sciences such as Applied Learning and Education and Interdisciplinary Research are applicable. Although a single award will be given at the College-level, for the University-level award the College Awards Committee may choose to nominate additional faculty in appropriate categories from among the pool of award nominees whose accomplishments are also meritorious and meet all of the University's eligibility criteria.

### **Nomination Procedures**

Nominees are submitted through their Department Awards Committee or the Department Chair in the absence of an Awards Committee. Each Department can submit up to two nominees.

### **Nominations packets should include:**

- A completed Cover Sheet (see below) including selecting the one category\*\* for which the nominee wishes to be considered; each nominee can only be considered in one category;

\*\*The eight areas for consideration are categories for the University-level award. Some of the categories are not applicable to research areas within the College of Science and Mathematics; however, categories other than Natural and Physical



Sciences such as Applied Learning and Education and Interdisciplinary Research are applicable to research being performed by some faculty.

- A 3-5 page summary statement by the nominee highlighting their scholarly and creative achievements in relation to the award criteria. References to the recognition of the nominee's research or creative activity should also be included. This includes reviews, citations, citation index, external funding, previous awards. The summary must be created using 12 point Times New Roman font with one inch margins;
- A current curriculum vitae;
- Up to 5 documented exemplars of scholarly and creative achievements such as those listed above in the criteria section;
- A support letter from the nominee's academic home chair; jointly appointed faculty may submit a joint letter from both chairs or two separate letters;
- A maximum of three external letters in support of the nomination, in addition to the chair's letter;
- All materials must be compiled into a single pdf document.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

The Awards Committee will look for originality, creativity, productivity and for an outstanding body of scholarly or creative activities that has gained national and international recognition. Factors to be considered will also include the scope and difficulty of the research/creative activity, degree of innovation and independent thought, development of new ideas, techniques and methodology, and the significance of the candidate's research to his or her field. They will also evaluate the continued active involvement of the nominee and the promise of future accomplishments.



## Outstanding Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award COVER SHEET

Area for Consideration (For University-level Research and Creative Activity Award;  
Please Check One):

Artistic and Creative Pursuits

Natural and Physical Sciences

Engineering Applications

Social Sciences and Humanities

Applied Learning and Education

Health and Behavioral Sciences

Business and Industry Applications

Interdisciplinary Research

Name of Faculty Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Department Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Award Committee Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Submitting Representative: \_\_\_\_\_