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TO: Department Chairs, Associate Chairs, Program Heads and School Directors and  
Graduate Studies Committee Chairs

FROM: Steven A. Slack, Director

**SUBJECT: 2009 OARDC Distinguished Faculty Research Awards**

The OARDC Distinguished Faculty Research Awards were instituted to recognize OARDC scientists who have made outstanding research contributions in the advancement of food, family, agricultural and environmental sciences and technologies.

**Types of Awards:** Two awards will be given in 2009.

- **Junior Faculty Research Award.** This award is for faculty whose appointment is at the ranks of Instructor, Assistant or Associate Professor. The award will consist of a plaque and \$1,000 to the awardee, and \$3,000 to be added to the operating expense account of the awardee's OARDC research project for one year only.
- **Senior Faculty Research Award.** This award is for faculty whose appointment is at the rank of Professor. The award will consist of a plaque and \$1,000 to the awardee, and \$3,000 to be added to the operating expense account of the awardee's OARDC research project for one year only.
- **Multi-disciplinary Team Research Award.** *This award is given every three years and 2007 was an award year.* The award consists of a plaque and *\$1,000 to each team member but not to exceed \$10,000 total for the team* and \$8,000 to be added to the operating expenses of the team's OARDC research project for one year only.

**Eligibility:** All OARDC scientists with the rank of Instructor through Professor who have an active OARDC research project. Please note that only contributions made while holding an OARDC appointment will be considered.

**Nomination Guidelines:** Attached is a copy of the guidelines for the awards. Please follow the guidelines carefully so that the Awards Committee can make objective evaluations.

**Procedure:** Seven copies should be submitted to Steve Slack, Director's Office, on either the Wooster or Columbus Campus. The nomination packet should include a cover sheet with the signature of both the Department Chair and the nominator. Departments may submit only one nomination per category, so screening must be done in the department before submittal.

**Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on or before Friday, March 6, 2009.**

Award Presentation: The awards will be announced at the Annual Conference to be held on April 23, 2009 at the Blackwell on the Columbus Campus.

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         Faculty Research Awards Committee

## Guidelines for OARDC Distinguished Faculty Research Awards

### Objective:

To recognize OARDC scientists who have made outstanding research contributions in the advancement of food, family, agricultural and environmental sciences and technologies.

### Eligibility:

1. Nominees must have an OARDC appointment.
2. Nominees must not have received the award during the past four years.

### Awards:

Two awards will be presented each year, three awards every three years (2007 being the award year):

- 1.1 Junior Faculty Research Award-Instructor, Assistant and Associate Professors.
- 1.2 Senior Faculty Research Award-Professors.
- 1.3 Multi-disciplinary Team Research Award-two or more OARDC faculty of any rank (every three years, 2007, and next award 2010).

For the Junior and Senior Faculty Research Awards, a plaque and check for \$1,000 will be presented to each awardee at the OARDC Annual Conference. In addition, \$3,000 will be added to the operating expense account of the awardee's OARDC project for one year only. **The Multi-disciplinary Team Research Award will be held every three years and 2007 was an award year. The award consists of a plaque and check for \$1,000 will be presented to each team member but not to exceed \$10,000 total for the team and \$8,000 will be added to the operating expense account of the team's OARDC research project for one year only.**

### Evaluation Criteria:

1. **Junior and Senior Faculty Research Awards.** The guiding philosophy in evaluating nominees for the Junior and Senior Faculty Research Awards will be their nationally and internationally recognized contributions in research to their respective discipline. Only research accomplished as an OARDC faculty member will be evaluated. Nominees will be evaluated in five categories:
  - 1.1.1 Publications (quality, quantity, and focus).
  - 1.1.2 Thesis and dissertations of advisees of the nominee.
  - 1.1.3 Research contracts and grants.
  - 1.1.4 Other, including awards, invited presentations, special recognitions, patents, germplasm development, books and proceedings written or edited, etc.
  - 1.1.5 A one-page summary of program accomplishments; this is to interpret and evaluate the significance of the nominee's program.
2. **Multi-disciplinary Team Research Award (held every three years, and 2007 is an award year).** The guiding philosophy in evaluating nominations for the Multi-disciplinary Team Research Award will be the team's nationally and internationally recognized contributions in research across their respective disciplines. Not all team members must have OARDC

appointments or be faculty at The Ohio State University. Nominations will be evaluated in six categories.

- a. Publications by the team.
- b. Multi-disciplinary thesis and dissertations of advisees of the team.
- c. Research contracts and grants to the team.
- d. Other, including awards to team members, invited presentations of the teams research findings, special recognitions of the team, patents held jointly by team members, germplasm development by the team, books or proceedings written or edited by the team, etc.
- e. Breadth and scope of the disciplines involved in the team and how they relate to the team's overall accomplishments
- f. A one page summary of the team's research program; this is to interpret and evaluate the significance of the multi-disciplinary program being nominated for the award. This summary should highlight contributions by OARDC faculty if faculty from other institutions are part of the team.

**Nomination Procedures:**

1. Seven copies of each nomination should be submitted to Steve Slack, OARDC Director's Office on either Wooster or Columbus, **on or before 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008.**
2. The nomination packet must include a cover sheet with the signature of both the department chair and the nominator.
3. Departments may submit only one nomination per category.
4. Initiation of nominations within departments should be the responsibility of the department awards committee or other appropriate committee as designated by the Chair.

**OARDC Faculty Research Awards Committee:**

A standing committee of faculty with broad discipline representation appointed by the Director or his designee. Term of service will be for three years with two new members rotating onto the committee each year. The chair of the committee will be selected by the Director. The Awards Committee is responsible for promotion of the program, reviewing nominees, selecting the winners.