CFAES Faculty Research Awards

The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) and OSU Extension (OSUE) are critical components of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) serving the mission of teaching, research, and extension. Together, OARDC and OSUE translate cutting edge research into impactful knowledge for our stakeholders across the state. This important work could not be accomplished without outstanding researchers working on projects across the college.

The CFAES Faculty Research Awards recognize CFAES scientists who have made outstanding research contributions in the advancement of sciences and technologies relating to food, agriculture, family, and/or the environment.

Junior Faculty Research Award
This award is for faculty whose appointment is at the rank of Instructor or Assistant or Associate Professor. The award will consist of a plaque and $1,000 to the awardee, and a one-time allocation of $3,000 to the operating expense account of the awardee’s research project.

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 a one-time allocation of $3,000 to the operating expense account of the awardee’s research project.

Innovator of the Year Award
This award recognizes scientists who have created innovations that have or will have a major impact on agricultural production, business, rural communities, technology, and the health and well-being of animals and human beings. One award will be given each year to an individual or team. The award consists of a plaque and $1000 to each team member, not to exceed $5,000 for the team, and $2500 to an operating expense account of the awardee for one year only, not to exceed $5000 total across all team members in the case of a team award.

Multi-disciplinary Team Research Award
This award is for a multi-disciplinary team that has made nationally and internationally recognized contributions in research across their respective disciplines. A plaque and check for $1,000 will be presented to each team member, not to exceed $10,000 total for the team, and a one-time allocation of $8,000 will be added to the operating expense account of the team’s CFAES research project.
I. Eligibility
   a. All CFAES scientists with the rank of Instructor through Professor who have an active sponsored research portfolio.
   b. Nominees must not have received the award during the past four years.

II. Nomination Guidelines
   a. Please follow the guidelines carefully so that the Awards Committee can make objective evaluations.

III. Nomination Procedure (all awards)
Each nomination should be submitted electronically as a one PDF document to kaser.37@osu.edu on or before 5:00pm, Thursday, January 31, 2019 and contain the following materials to be considered complete. Nominations with missing documents will not be considered for awards. Initiation of nominations within departments are the responsibility of the department awards committee or other appropriate committee as designated by the Chair. Each department may only submit one nomination per category.

The nomination packet must include:
   a. A cover sheet, as provided below, with the signature of both the department chair and the nominator.
   b. A curriculum vitae (not a lengthy dossier) or other documents including publications; number of thesis and dissertations of advisees of the nominee; research, contracts and grants; other awards, invited presentations, special recognitions, patents, germplasm development, books and proceedings written or edited; etc. A list of grant awards, award dollars, students, etc. is helpful for the evaluators.
   c. A one-page summary of program accomplishments; this is used to interpret and evaluate the significance of nominee’s program.

IV. CFAES Faculty Research Awards Committee
A standing committee of faculty with broad discipline representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners. The target date for a final announcement of the awards is approximately February 28, 2019.

V. Award Presentation
All awards will be presented at the Annual CFAES Research Conference to be held in Columbus, Ohio (date TBD). Note: Each awardee, or one representative for a team award, will be expected to give a 10 min synopsis of the primary research that led to the award at the Research Conference.

VI. Evaluation Criteria

Junior and Senior Faculty Research Award
The guiding philosophy in evaluating nominees for the Junior and Senior Faculty Research Awards will be their nationally and internationally recognized contributions to research in their respective discipline. Only research accomplished as a CFAES faculty member will be evaluated.
Nominees will be evaluated on:
   a. Publications (quality, quantity, and focus)
   b. Number of thesis and dissertations of advisees of the nominee
   c. Research funding
   d. Other awards, including invited presentations, special recognitions, patents, germplasm development, and/or books and proceedings (written or edited)
   e. A one-page summary of program accomplishments

Innovator of the Year Award
The purpose of this award is to recognize faculty for their creativity in innovation and entrepreneurship. Nominated faculty should have a regionally, nationally or internationally recognized invention, methodology, product, service, program or process that has had a significant impact on the scientific discipline, businesses, communities, and industries.

Nominees will be evaluated on:
   a. Uniqueness of the innovation and what makes this innovation particularly notable
   b. The potential impact of the innovation on revenue, cost savings, social value, value to business and industry and/or value to well-being of animals and human beings
   c. Any awards, patents, licenses, grants and contracts obtained as a result of the innovation
   d. A one-page description of the innovation

Multi-disciplinary Team Research Award
The Multi-disciplinary Team Research Award will be evaluated by the team’s nationally and internationally recognized contributions in research across their respective disciplines. The lead investigator requires a CFAES appointment. Not all team members must have CFAES appointments or be faculty at The Ohio State University. CFAES interdisciplinary research programs that meet all eligibility criteria are welcome to apply.

Nominees will be evaluated on:
   a. Publications reflecting research by the team
   b. Multi-disciplinary thesis and dissertations of advisees of the team
   c. Research contracts and grants to the team
   d. Other awards, including invited presentations of the team’s research findings, special recognitions of the team, patents held jointly by team members, germplasm development by the team, and/or books and proceedings (written or edited) by the team
   e. Breadth and scope of the team disciplines and how they relate to the team’s overall accomplishments
   f. A one-page summary of the team’s research program; this summary should highlight contributions by the CFAES faculty if faculty from other institutions are part of the team
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Nominee(s): (List name, title, department)

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Signatures:

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Primary Nominator (print)                  Primary Nominator signature

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Department Chair (print)                  Department Chair signature