

Distinguished Scholarship Award

The Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology Distinguished Scholarship Award is designed to encourage, reward, and publicly acknowledge sustained excellence in research and creative activity by members of the College's faculty. The award recognizes excellence in the publication of scholarly work, in the completion of research and sponsored projects, and in the development of new and innovative ideas in research and creative activities.

Criteria

The candidate must demonstrate a sustained record of research 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 to the appropriate audiences and professional groups through, for example, the presentation of seminars, workshops, invited talks, book author, or chapter;
- 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;
- 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 with a minimum of 3 years of service at KSU is eligible to be nominated for the award. Administrators with faculty rank are ineligible for faculty awards (i.e., receives a Contract for Faculty Ranked Administrators). In other words, only faculty members who have been issued a fiscal or academic year Tenured Personnel or Non-Tenured Personnel contract are eligible for this award. Award winners are eligible to be nominated once every 3 years. The award recipient must be under contract at KSU when the award is presented.

Award

Each award consists of a plaque.

Number and Frequency of Awards

Up to two (2) award may be presented annually, selected based on the qualifications of nominees. Additionally, up to two honorable mentions may be presented.

Nomination Procedures

Nomination can be made by faculty, staff, or self. Applications are submitted by their Department Chairs. There are no limits on the number of nominees each department can submit.

Nomination packets should include:

- A completed Cover Sheet;
- A summary statement up to 2 pages 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 single spaced with one-inch margins;
- A current curriculum vitae;
- A maximum of two letters in support of the nomination; one letter must be from the department chair; and
- All materials must be compiled into a single pdf document.

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures

The College 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.

Nominations will be evaluated by the College Awards Committee including one member from each of department. Since members serving on this committee may not be experts in the nominee's field, it is important that nominations be submitted in language understandable to faculty in other disciplines.