The Faculty Subcommittee on Sponsored Programs invites nominations for the 2017-18 President’s Awards for Excellence in Scholarship

The President’s Awards for Excellence in Scholarship
2009-10: Hall Cushman and Michaela Grobbel
2010-11: Kathy Charmaz and Anne Goldman
2011-12: Nathan Rank and Heather Smith
2012-13: Ben Ford and Amand Gilinsky
2013-14: Deborah Hammond and Kathy Morris
2014-15: Lynn Cominsky and Suzanne Rivoire
2015-16: Karin Jaffe and Patrick Jackson
2016-17: Dan Crocker and Jennifer Shaw

DEADLINE: Monday, March 5, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

In recognition of the critical links between active engagement in scholarship and excellence in teaching, the President’s Awards recognize faculty who exemplify the teacher-scholar model in their professional development at Sonoma State. The award provides faculty with funds to support their continued engagement in research.

In the 2017-2018 cycle, up to two $2500 awards will be conferred for excellence in scholarship. The funds may be used for any purpose that directly supports the scholarly work of the faculty member. Appropriate expenses might include:

- Traveling to present scholarship at conferences, to collect primary data, to do archival research, etc.
- Funding undergraduate or graduate assistants
- Purchasing equipment and specialized supplies not normally available
- Other fully justified expenses may be considered at the discretion of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (OFRSP)

Award notification will be made in April 2018 and presented at the Faculty and Graduate Student Research and Scholarship Symposium on April 17, 2018, 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Awards will also be announced at the Fall semester convocation.

Award Procedures and Criteria

Applications will be submitted to Gabrielle Utarid and evaluated by the Faculty Subcommittee on Sponsored Programs. The committee will forward recommendations to Provost Vollendorf, with final section by President Sakaki. The awards will be administered by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Nominating Process
Awards will be determined from nominations submitted to the committee. Nominations may come from anyone in the university community; self-nominations will not be accepted. FSSP will solicit Deans, Department Chairs, and Chairs of RTP committees directly for nominations.

Nomination packets must include (12 pt., single space):
1) Nomination Letter that speaks to the ways in which the candidate exemplifies the teacher-scholar model;

2) Brief statement of support from the faculty member’s Dean (forwarded or direct email to Gabrielle Utarid is sufficient);

3) Letter of Support (optional but limited to one letter); and

4) Current CV.

Eligibility
Probationary (tenure-track) and tenured faculty at SSU may be nominated for this award. Preference will be given to those who have not previously received this award.

Criteria
Application packets will be evaluated for evidence of:

- Excellence in research/scholarship/creative activities demonstrated by evidence such as:
  a) Publications
  b) Presentations, exhibits and performances
  c) External grants

- Demonstrated impact of research/scholarship/creative activities on one or more of the following:
  a) Teaching (e.g., engagement of undergraduate or graduate students in scholarly or creative projects, development of innovative curriculum or pedagogy that reflects new knowledge in their academic discipline).
  b) University and surrounding community (e.g., contributions to campus programs, community outreach, diversity and sustainability initiatives).
  c) The broader community and academic discipline (e.g., activities that benefit society through the application and extension of new knowledge, enhanced cultural awareness, or innovative artistic expression).

Incomplete packets or those arriving at the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) after the deadline will be returned without review.

How to submit a nomination
Email an electronic copy to Gabrielle Utarid at gabrielle.utarid@sonoma.edu in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs no later than Monday March 5, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school representative to the FSSP (listed below) or the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).

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