# Outstanding Research Award – Call for Nominations

**Academic Year 2024-2025**

**OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation, the Office of the Provost, and the Graduate School annually host and sponsor the Outstanding Achievement Awards, which include the Outstanding Research Awards, [the Distinguished Teaching Awards](https://provost.uoregon.edu/distinguished-teaching-awards), [the Williams Fellows](https://provost.uoregon.edu/williams-fund) and [the Excellence Award for Outstanding Faculty Mentorship in Graduate Studies](https://gradschool.uoregon.edu/academics/policies/faculty-staff/excellence-awards/faculty-mentorship).

Outstanding Research Awards are distributed in the following categories: Senior-Career Award, Mid-Career Award, Early-Career Award, Career Research Faculty Award, Innovation and Impact Award, and Award for Advancing a Flourishing Research & Innovation Community. Awardees receive a) commendation from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation, b) $1,000 for an individual or $2,500 for a team in research support, c) a recognition memento, and d) a highlight of their work in internal and external communications.

# TIMELINE

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| **Dates** | **Item Due** |
| **April 9, 2025** | ***Nomination deadline*** |
| **May** | Review |
| **Late May** | Winners notified |

# ELIGIBILITY

Below are the eligibility requirements for each award:

## Tenure-Track Faculty

* **Senior-Career Award:** Tenured faculty at the full professor rank (must be an active, full-time UO employee), employed by the UO for at least seven years, track record of distinguished scholarship and external recognition and support of such efforts, and national/international prominence in their field of research.
* **Mid-Career Award**: Tenured faculty at the associate professor rank (must be an active, full-time UO employee), employed by the UO for at least five years, track record of distinguished scholarship and recognition of such efforts, and are well-recognized in their field of research.
* **Early-Career Award:**Tenure-track faculty at the assistant professor rank (must be an active, full-time UO employee) who has been in their current role at UO at least three years prior to nomination, a track record of significant scholarship and emergent recognition and support of such efforts, and a productive and impactful scholarly record.

## Career Faculty

* **Career Research Faculty Award:**Career research faculty (must be an active, full-time UO employee), who has served as a PI on extramurally awarded projects submitted through the UO, have a track record of research independence, and have a substantial and impactful scholarly record **OR** they must have documented record of providing exceptional and innovative technical support to UO researchers.

## All Faculty and Staff

* **Innovation and Impact Award:**This award recognizes contributions by faculty and staff from all academic disciplines; it is given to an outstanding individual or team that distinguished themselves and the university through entrepreneurial activities that resulted in innovations with a measurable societal or environmental impact and/or individuals whose broader public engagement activity has proactively shared their research or viewpoints on research and policy issues with the public via traditional and/or new media channels. These efforts reflect an important factor in our mission to create and disseminate knowledge across all disciplines and put it to work to benefit the community, the region, and the world
* **Award for Advancing a Flourishing Research & Innovation Community:** Aligned with Oregon Rising, this award recognizes any faculty or staff’s significant scholarly work and achievements in building a more flourishing environment across the research and innovation enterprise at the UO. The award is given to an individual or team that has demonstrated leadership, impact, and advocacy to broaden participation in research, build new partnerships with communities, and develop and implement novel programming or innovations to improve the culture of our research and innovation climate. *Note: This award is funded through an unrestricted, non-ICC OVPRI budget index.*

# AWARD AMOUNT

**Amount:** $1,000 for an individual or $2,500 for a team

# NOMINATION COMPONENTS

Please submit the following by the deadline for each nomination.

1. [*Application Form*](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/3b254b4fbcef4be687bbefec4f445059)*:*
   1. Basic Information: Please complete the form’s text boxes. (Note: the form cannot be saved part way through).
2. *Proposal Documents*: (Times New Roman font in 11 point or larger and 1” margins).
   1. Nomination Narrative (1-page limit): Based on the award, describe in detail the contributions and impact the nominee has made as appropriate to the specific award. Articulate the significance of the individual’s work over the past several years. The most competitive nominations will include clear metrics of scholarly contribution (compared to norms for their discipline) and/or impact from the nominee’s efforts. When applicable, attention should be given to describing how the research portfolio or work has a broad impact on the discipline and beyond.
   2. Nominee’s CV/Resume

# REVIEW PROCESS & CRITERIA

Research Development Services will conduct an initial review to ensure that proposals comply with all guidelines, then nominations will be reviewed by both faculty and members of the OVPRI team, with final decisions made by the Vice President for Research and Innovation.

The review criteria vary per award:

## **Senior Career Award**

* *Track Record of Distinguished Scholarship, Research Productivity, and Impact:* As evidenced by publication, scholarship, creative activity, and/or grant records. Impact and track record should be evaluated on the faculty member’s specific discipline, taking into consideration the expectations for productivity and research engagement in their scholarly field.
* *Track Record of External Recognition:* As evidenced by the number and prestige of awards/commendations achieved internally and externally.
* *National/International Prominence in the Field of Research:* As evidenced by support letter, history of invited talks/seminars and/or government engagement/testimony, leadership in major societies, policy impact, etc.

## **Mid-Career Award**

* *Track Record of Significant Scholarship, Research Productivity, and Impact:* As evidenced by publication, scholarship, creative activity, and/or grant records. Impact and track record should be evaluated on the faculty member’s specific discipline, taking into consideration the expectations for productivity and research engagement in their scholarly field.
* *Track Record of Emergent Recognition and Support:* As evidenced by the number and prestige of awards/commendations achieved internally and externally.

## **Early-Career Award**

* *Track Record of Significant Scholarship, Research Productivity, and Impact:* As evidenced by publication, scholarship, creative activity, and/or grant records.Impact and track record should be evaluated on the faculty member’s specific discipline, taking into consideration the expectations for productivity and research engagement in their scholarly field.
* *Track Record of Emergent Recognition and Support:* As evidenced by the number and prestige of awards/commendations achieved internally and externally.

## **Career Research Faculty Award**

* *Track Record of Research Independence and Substantial and Impactful Scholarship:* As evidenced by, 1) a history of securing grants as PI/co-PI or as an essential role or collaborator (i.e. Co-I or evaluator or expert technician) on grants, and; 2) by the number and prestige of grants received, publication record, and evidence of societal impact of work.

OR

* *Track Record of Providing Exceptional and Innovative Technical Support to UO Researchers:* As evidenced by support letter (i.e., description of exceptional support) and types of research grants supported by the Career Research Professor and impact of their contribution to achieving project goals.

## **Innovation and Impact Award**

* *Individuals Who Distinguish Themselves and the University Through Their Entrepreneurial and/or High Community Impact Activitie*s, all of which result in significant social, environmental, and/or economic impact. Evidence includes entrepreneurial or commercial products such as patents, spin-out, licenses, and entrepreneurial courses, and/or social, environmental, and/or economic impact through programs, tools, policy recommendations, etc.

OR

* *Individuals Whose Broader Public Engagement Activity Has Proactively Shared Their Research or Viewpoints on Research and Policy with Public via Media Channels:* As evidenced by public engagement or community engagement through governmental briefings/testimony, policy recommendations, media engagement, etc.

## **Award for Advancing a Flourishing Research & Innovation Community**

As defined by Oregon Rising, flourishing is the holistic development and thriving of every individual in our community achieved through growth, well-being, resilience, trust, belonging, robust connection, and a sense of purpose.

* *Demonstrated Leadership, Impact, and/or Advocacy to Contribute to a More Flourishing Environment and Broadening Participation in Research*: As evidenced by 1) leadership in scholarship, programming, grant-seeking, teaching, department or university-level service, etc. that advances a flourishing community across the UO’s research and innovation enterprise, and/or; 2) through leadership in implementing or developing programming or securing new resources to create opportunities to broaden participation in research at all levels (undergrad, postbac, etc.).

OR

* *Efforts to Engage Communities as Research Partners:* As evidenced by scholarship, research, and/or efforts to implement or develop programming or securing new resources to foster and maintain productive working relationships with communities outside of the UO to advance research (through research or broader impacts activities).

OR

* *Efforts to Develop and Implement Innovations to Build a Flourishing Research and Innovation Culture:* As evidenced by leadership in implementing or developing programming or securing new resources to build a flourishing culture in the research and innovation enterprise (either through interventions/programming specifically targeting UO or research to understanding how to improve climate/culture in research communities broadly).

# REPORTING

No report is required for these awards.

# INQUIRIES

Questions about the Outstanding Research Awards application or submission process may be directed to Research Development Services, [rds@uoregon.edu](mailto:rds@uoregon.edu).