**Outstanding Research Award**

**Academic Year 2023-2024**

**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: Outstanding Career Award, Early Career Award, Outstanding Career Research Faculty Award, Innovation and Impact Award, and Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Research Award. 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 22, 2024** | ***Nomination deadline*** |
| **Early May** | Review by OVPRI Executive Team |
| **Late May** | Winners notified |

**ELIGIBILITY**

Below are the eligibility requirements for each award:

* **Outstanding Career Award:** Tenured faculty at the associate or 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.
* **Early Career Award:**Tenure-track assistant professor who has been in their current role at UO at least 3 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.
* **Outstanding Career Research Faculty Award:**Full-time, research career faculty appointment employed by the UO. This individual must have 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.
* **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 of our mission to create and disseminate knowledge across all disciplines and put it to work to benefit the community, the region, and the world.
* **Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Research Award:**This award recognizes significant achievements by tenure or non-tenure track faculty or administrative staff in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the research and innovation community. The award is given to an individual or team that has demonstrated leadership, impact, and advocacy to contribute to a more diverse and inclusive environment. This may be achieved through efforts to broaden participation in research, engage underrepresented communities as research partners, or develop and implement novel programming or innovations to improve the culture of our research and innovation climate.

**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): Describe in detail the research impact on the field and the significance of the individual’s research over the past several years. Where applicable, attention should be given to describing how the research portfolio has a broad impact on the discipline and beyond.
   2. Nominee’s CV/Resume

**REVIEW PROCESS & CRITERIA**

RDS will conduct an initial review to ensure that proposals are in compliance with all guidelines. The OVPRI Executive Committee will review nominations, with final decisions made by the Vice President for Research and Innovation.

The review criteria vary per award:

**Outstanding Career Award** for tenured faculty at associate or full professor rank; employed by UO for seven years

* *Track Record of Distinguished Scholarship:* As evidenced by publication, scholarship, creative activity, and/or grant records. Impact and track record should be evaluated for a senior/mid-late career faculty member based on their discipline.
* *Track Record of External Recognition:* As evidenced by # and prestige of awards/commendations achieved internally and externally.
* *National/International Prominence in 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.

**Early Career Award** for tenure-track assistant professor; appointed at least three years at UO prior to nomination.

* *Track Record of Significant Scholarship and Productive and Impactful Scholarly Record:* As evidenced by publication, scholarship, creative activity, and/or grant records. Impact and track record should be evaluated for a senior/mid-late career faculty member based on their discipline.
* *Track Record of Emergent Recognition and Support:* As evidenced by # and prestige of awards/commendations achieved internally and externally.

**Outstanding Career Research Faculty Award** for full-time, research career faculty.

* *Track Record of Research Independence:* As evidenced by history of securing grants as PI/co-PI or as essential role or collaborator (i.e., Co-I or evaluator or expert technician) on grants.
* *Track Record of Substantial and Impactful Scholarship:* As evidenced by # 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 Career faculty member and impact of their contribution to achieving project goals.

**Innovation and Impact Award** for faculty or staff.

* *Individuals Who Distinguish Themselves and University through Entrepreneurial or High Community Impact Activities:* As evidenced by entrepreneurial products (i.e., patents, spin-out, etc.) or significant societal impact (i.e., community or government partnerships, significant translational impact of research to practice).
* *Engage in Entrepreneurial Activities Result in Innovations with Measurable Societal or Environmental Impact:* Measured in terms of entrepreneurial or commercialization “products” (i.e., patents, spinouts, entrepreneurial courses, etc.) or societal or environmental 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.

**Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Research Award** for faculty or staff

* *Demonstrated Leadership, Impact, and/or Advocacy to Contribute to a More Diverse and Inclusive Environment:* As evidenced by leadership in programming, grant-seeking, teaching, department or university-level service, etc. that advances DEI in research community.
* *Achieved through Efforts to Broaden Participation in Research:* As evidenced by 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 Underrepresented Communities as Research Partners:* As evidenced by leadership in implementing or developing programming or securing new resources to foster and maintain productive working relationships with underrepresented communities to advance research (through research or broader impacts activities).

OR

* *Efforts to Develop and Implement Innovations to Improve the Culture of Research and Innovation Climate:* As evidenced by leadership in implementing or developing programming or securing new resources to address climate and/or culture of inclusion 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).