

The University of Texas at Arlington

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Academy of Distinguished Scholars

To All Academic Deans,

The current members of the Academy of Distinguished Scholars are pleased to announce their call for nominations for membership to the Academy. The Academy admits up to four (4) new members each year. New members must be a past recipient of either the Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment Award or the Distinguished Record of Research or Creative Activity Award (a list of past award winners is attached).

Members of the Academy exemplify the University's commitment to quality research and creative activity. The Academy has as its goals "to advocate the importance of research and creative activity, to create an appropriate reward structure for scholars, to promote a sense of community among scholars, to serve as role models, to foster research and creative activity, and to advise the institution on research policies and practices" ([Policy AA-FT-PO5](#)).

Deans of colleges should solicit nominations for membership to the Academy from the faculty in their units. Submissions must be reviewed by and transmitted through the departmental research committee of the nominee's department. The college research committee should review the nominations and departmental reviews. Deans of schools should solicit nominations for review by the school-level research committee. The college/school research committee should rank the nominees and forward the top two candidates to the Dean who will forward the nominations in electronic format (pdf attachments, links to individual websites) to the Office of the Vice President for Research & Innovation (VPRI) vpri@uta.edu. Previous Academy members (those who rotated off after six years) are eligible for Academy nomination after a period of two years. Units may also nominate up to two past members in addition to the two new nominees.

Files will be uploaded for review by the Academy of Distinguished Scholars. The Academy's recommendations will be provided to the Provost and the VPRI. The Provost and VPRI will make recommendations to the President, who will make the final decision regarding new members.

Nomination Packet Requirements (must be submitted electronically)

1. Candidate's statement of no more than 2 pages. The statement should address the scholarly/creative record and impact of the work.
2. A current curriculum vitae.
3. Up to three pieces of evidence supporting the nomination (pdf or link). Supporting evidence will vary by discipline and may include, but is not limited to selected books,

reviews of the nominee's books, performances, exhibitions, copies of journal articles, or summaries of funded grant proposals.

4. At each stage of the review, the review committee shall attach to the nomination packet a letter containing an explanation of the criteria used to evaluate the research or creative activity and how the nominee meets the criteria. For nominees in colleges, letters should be attached from the department and college review committees. For nominees in schools, a letter should be attached from the school review committee.
5. Prior to forwarding the nomination to the VPRI, the Dean should attach a letter to the nomination packet addressing the quality and impact of the scholarly/creative work. The letter shall contain an explanation of the criteria used to evaluate the research or creative activity and how the nominees meet the criteria.

Timeline

January 12, 2025	Nomination packets due to departmental and school research committee
January 31, 2025	Nomination packets due from Dean's Office to the VPRI Office vpri@uta.edu
February 2, 2025	Materials available for Academy review
March 1, 2025	Academy recommendations due to VPRI
March 15, 2025	All award winner names submitted to Faculty Affairs by the VPRI office
April 17, 2025	Awardees recognized at Spring Faculty Meeting

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NOMINATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

Nominee:		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Rank	Department or program	
Summarize the recommendation of the College/School Research Committee in the box below: (PLEASE DO NOT EXCEED SPACE PROVIDED)		
Only the top candidates in the college/school should be forwarded to the Office of the Vice President for Research & Innovation for further consideration by the Academy of Distinguished Scholars.		
This nominee is ranked of nominees.		
Date	Chair, College/School Research Committee Signature	

**Recipients of the University Award for
Distinguished Record of Research or Creative Activity**

YEAR	AWARDEE	DEPARTMENT
1979	William F. Pyburn	Biology
1979	David Keens	Art
1980	Tseng Huang	Civil Engineering
1981	V. Lakshmikantham	Mathematics
1982	Zoltan Schelly	Chemistry
1983	Donald Greenspan	Mathematics
1984	H. J. Arnott	Biology
1985	Vincent Bruno	Art
1986	Richard B. Myrick	Landscape Architecture
1987	Brooks B. Ellwood	Geology
1988	Edmund D. Brodie, Jr.	Biology
1988	Dennis S. Marynick	Chemistry
1989	Adrian K. Fung	Electrical Engineering
1990	Robert E. Longacre	Foreign Languages and Linguistics
1990	Robert F. McMahon	Biology
1991	Constantin Corduneanu	Mathematics
1991	Syed R. Qasim	Civil Engineering
1991	Krishnan Rajeshwar	Chemistry
1992	Kamesetty Rao	Electrical Engineering
1992	John Maruszczak	Architecture
1993	Joseph W. Bastien	Sociology and Anthropology
1994	Lawrence L. Schkade	Information Systems and Management Sciences
1994	Frank Lewis	Electrical Engineering
1995	Rangachary Kannan	Mathematics
1996	A. Haji-Sheikh	Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering
1997	Martin Pomerantz	Chemistry and Biochemistry
1998	Jonathan Campbell	Biology
1998	Susan Hekman	Political Science
1999	Martin Price	Architecture
2000	Richard Francaviglia	History
2001	Richard Timmons	Chemistry
2002	William Ickes	Psychology
2003	Alex Weiss	Physics
2004	Kenneth M. Roemer	English
2005	Sajal K. Das	Computer Science and Engineering
2005	Jerold A. Edmondson	Linguistics

2005	Wendy B. Faris	English
2006	Robert J. Gatchel	Psychology
2007	Paul Paulus	Psychology
2008	Chaoqun Liu	Mathematics
2009	Andrew White	Physics
2009	James Campbell Quick	Management
2010	Purnendu Dasgupta	Chemistry and Biochemistry
2011	Asok Ray	Physics
2011	Douglas Richmond	History
2012	Dan Armstrong	Chemistry and Biochemistry
2013	Anand Puppala	Civil Engineering
2014	Frederick MacDonnell	Chemistry and Biochemistry
2015	Ann Cavallo	Curriculum and Instruction
2015	Kaushik De	Physics
2016	Christopher Kribs	Mathematics and Curriculum and Instruction
2017	Andrew Brandt	Physics
2018	Kytai Nguyen	Bioengineering
2018	Nancy Palmeri	Art & Art History
2019	Yue Deng	Physics
2019	Efstathios Meletis	Materials Science and Engineering
2019	Ignacio Ruiz-Perez	Modern Languages
2020	Wei Chen	Physics
2020	Benito Huerta	Art & Art History
2021	Larry Chonko	Marketing
2021	Ramon Lopez	Physics
2022	Paul Fadel	Kinesiology
2023	Vijayan Pillai	Social Work
2023	Weidong Zhou	Electrical Engineering
2024	Sam Haynes	History
2024	Jaehoon Yu	Physics

**Recipients of the University Award for
Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment**

YEAR	AWARDEE	DEPARTMENT
1984	Jerold A. Edmondson	Foreign Languages and Linguistics
1985	No Awardee Selected	
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1987	Billy P. Buckles	Computer Science and Engineering
1987	Thomas H. McInish	Finance and Real Estate
1987	John R. Reynolds	Chemistry
1988	Gilbert Dale Story	Political Science
1989	R. Joseph Guy	Architecture
1989	Stanley H. Palmer	History
1989	Paul B. Paulus	Psychology
1990	Jonathan A. Campbell	Biology
1991	No Awardee Selected	
1992	Roy N. West	Physics
1993	Linton E. Powell	Music
1993	Christopher Scotese	Geology
1994	Richard Schoech	Social Work
1995	C. Jan Swearingen	English
1996	Robert Magnusson	Electrical Engineering
1996	Christopher C. Morris	History
1997	No Awardee Selected	
1998	James Grover	Biology
1998	Beth Wright	Art and Art History
1999	David Harrison	Management
1999	Deborah Reed-Danahay	Sociology and Anthropology
2000	Frank Lewis	Electrical Engineering
2000	Patrick Phillips	Biology
2001	Juergen Schieber	Geology
2002	Diane Cook	Computer Science and Engineering
2003	Sharma Chakravarthy	Computer Science and Engineering
2004	Hanli Liu	Biomedical Engineering
2005	Lawrence B. Holder	Computer Science and Engineering
2006	Zeynep Celik-Butler	Electrical Engineering
2006	Laurin R. Porter	English
2007	Rasika Dias	Chemistry and Biochemistry
2007	Wei-Jen Lee	Electrical Engineering
2008	Carolyn Cason	Nursing
2008	J. Ping Liu	Physics
2009	Kaushik De	Physics
2009	Mary Vaccaro	Art and Art History

2010	Pranesh B. Aswath	Mechanical & Aerospace/Materials Science Engr.
2011	Meng Tao	Electrical Engineering
2012	Liping Tang	Bioengineering
2013	Qilian Liang	Electrical Engineering
2013	Ya'Ke Smith	Art and Art History
2014	Jung-Chih (J.C.) Chiao	Electrical Engineering
2014	Maria Scannapieco	Social Work
2015	Wendy Casper	Management
2015	Jaehoon Yu	Physics
2015	Weidong Zhou	Electrical Engineering
2016	Heng Huang	Computer Science & Engineering
2017	Yue Deng	Physics
2017	Kytai Nguyen	Bioengineering
2018	Yi (Leaf) Zhang	Educational Leadership & Policy Studies
2018	Baohong Yuan	Bioengineering
2019	Michael Vasilyev	Electrical Engineering
2019	Rhonda Prisby	Kinesiology
2019	Sarah Rose	History
2020	Yan Wan	Electrical Engineering
2020	Todd Castoe	Biology
2021	Qinhong (Max) Hu	Earth & Environmental Sciences
2021	Yi Hong	Bioengineering
2022	Sen Xu	Biology
2022	Ashfaq Adnan	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
2022	Ashley Lemke	Sociology/Anthropology
2023	Paul Conrad	History
2023	Michael Nelson	Kinesiology
2024	Yuze "Alice" Sun	Electrical Engineering
2024	Venu Varanasi	Nursing