

The University of Texas at Arlington

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### University Award for Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment 2024-2025

#### Purpose of Award

The University Award for Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment recognizes a faculty member for achieving a particularly important research or creative accomplishment during the past three years. A list of previous award winners is attached.

#### Eligibility

Any **full-time, regular faculty member** of The University of Texas at Arlington is eligible to be nominated for this award. Evidence of research or scholarly achievement must be in published form, and evidence of artistic or creative accomplishment must be in a form appropriate to the nominee's discipline. The achievement or accomplishment must have occurred **between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2024**. This award is not limited to junior faculty and should not be construed to be secondary to the University Award for Distinguished Record of Research or Creative Activity.

#### Nominations (must be submitted electronically)

Nominations may be made by any full-time, regular member of The University of Texas at Arlington faculty. For faculty members in colleges, the nomination must be first reviewed by and transmitted through the departmental research committee of the nominee's department. Nominations and departmental reviews will be forwarded to the college research committee for further review and evaluation. For faculty members in schools, the nominations must be directed through and reviewed by the school-level research committee. The college and school research committees will rank the nominees from the unit and forward the top candidate's materials in electronic format (.pdf attachments, links to individual websites) to Office of the Vice President for Research & Innovation (VPRI) [vpri@uta.edu](mailto:vpri@uta.edu). Files will be available electronically for review by the Academy of Distinguished Scholars.

#### Selection Criteria

The emphasis of the Academy of Distinguished Scholars in selecting faculty to be recognized for an Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment award is on quality, importance, and impact of the research or creative accomplishment rather than on quantity of publications or pages, number of performances or gallery showings, or number of creative objects produced. Therefore, all nominations and supporting

documentation should focus on establishing to a general academic audience the importance of a nominee's research or creative activity and the impact the contribution made in his or her field.

## **Nomination Procedure and Documentation**

Each nomination reviewed by the Academy of Distinguished Scholars must include the six items listed below.

1. A completed cover sheet (attached).
2. A five-page (maximum) nomination form from the nominator outlining the basis for the nomination (See requirement below).
3. A one-page (maximum) letter from the appropriate (departmental or school) research committee summarizing the committee's basis for support of the nomination. This must include an explanation of the process of peer review customarily applied to publications or creative works within the discipline.
4. A three-page abbreviated three-year curriculum vita.
5. Copies (PDF or link) of the nominee's major publications and other appropriate supporting documentation of the nominee's scholarly achievement or creative activity (e.g., reviews of published work or creative activity). Only the nominee's most significant work should be provided in his/her file of work/evidence (**Maximum five documents**).

**University Award Nomination Form (5-page limit)**, Only the nominee's most significant work within the past three years specified above should be provided in his/her file of work/evidence.).

1. **Proposed Citation:** One sentence to describe the significant contributions made by the nominee.
2. **Contribution Statement:** In not more than one page, explain the nominee's distinctive contributions in the field, and how it compared to his/her peers in the field and at UTA.
3. **Evidence of Accomplishment:** List up to five most important items of tangible and verifiable evidence supporting nominee's contribution. In sentence form, state their significance and lasting social impact of each (not more than 200 words each).
4. **Research Record Summary/Highlight:** List here specific research related activities/records, such as funding, publication, citation, shows, performances, etc. (Note: you are welcome to provide other statistics to show the impact of publication (e.g., journal impact factor, paper citation number), competitiveness of the funding (e.g., federal grants, success rates), critical reviews on your work, reports on media, social impacts, etc.).
5. **Impact to UTA:** List the nominee's related research leadership and mentorship roles at UTA, as well as specific impacts on UTA research community.
6. **Major Awards and Recognitions:** List up to five most significant ones.

7. **Leadership and Services Outside UTA:** List any of the nominee's other activities related to professional societies, volunteering, commercial activities, which can support the nominee's impact on and contributions to the discipline or field.

### **Incomplete Nominations**

Incomplete nominations and nominations which have not been reviewed by the appropriate research committee will not be considered by the Academy of Distinguished Scholars.

### **Timeline for Outstanding Record Awards Nominations**

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 <a href="mailto:vpri@uta.edu">vpri@uta.edu</a>
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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**2024-2025**

**NOMINATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
RESEARCH OR CREATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT**

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

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

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AWARDEE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
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