

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA
AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH OR CREATIVE ACTIVITY
(ADROCA)
2021-2022 GUIDELINES

I. OBJECTIVES

The Award for Distinguished Research or Creative Activity (ADROCA) has the following objectives:

1. to recognize and honor preeminent achievement in research or creative activity by faculty members of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, work of sufficient originality and distinction to merit attention at the national level, or beyond;
2. to foster and enhance the quality of research and creative activity at the University;
3. to reaffirm the values of discovery, innovation, and fulfillment in scholarship and the arts and, where possible, attention to diversity, equity, and inclusion is encouraged; and
4. to make manifest to the public the University's commitment to and support of such accomplishment.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Any **tenured** member of the Graduate Faculty whose primary home department/school is at UNO is eligible for the ADROCA. An individual who has previously received the Award may become eligible again after five years on the basis of research or creative activity which was not used to support the previous award. Current members of the ADROCA Selection Committee are not eligible. It is understood that "creative activity" includes not only those areas involving purely "original activities," but the performing arts as well. Emerging researchers are encouraged to pursue recognition at the department level before seeking an ADROCA nomination.

III. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Award must be submitted by a nominator and supported by a secondary nominator. **Current members of the Selection Committee are not eligible to nominate or be a secondary nominator.** No faculty member can act as nominator or secondary nominator for more than one nominee. Both the nominator and the secondary nominator must be faculty members whose primary home department is at UNO. A written statement from the nominator explaining the basis of the nomination must accompany the nomination. The secondary nominator also may write a statement; however, this is not required. These explanations must be no more than 200 words, or one page, and should be submitted on or as an attachment to the nomination form provided by the Selection Committee. **All nomination materials should be submitted electronically to the Office of Research and Creative Activity (unoorca@unomaha.edu) by the nomination submission deadline of March 1, 2022.**

IV. NOMINEE SUBMISSION OF SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Nominees will work with the nominators to identify up to three (3) letters of support from recognized scholars or experts, either externally or internally. Nominators should contact these scholars and

request letters to support the nominee's award portfolio. Experts or scholars must send their letters and abbreviated CVs directly to unoorca@unomaha.edu.

Nominees are encouraged to submit materials that relate only to significant and specific research or creative activity with emphasis given to quality and impact of research or creative activity as opposed to quantity of work undertaken.

Each nominator and the nominee will be asked to submit evidence of distinguished research or creative activity in support of the nominee. **After notification of their nomination, nominees will have until April 1, 2022 to submit the following directly to unoorca@unomaha.edu:**

1. **A brief CV of the nominee**
2. **Up to three (3) letters of support from recognized scholars or experts.** Letters should address the award objectives detailed in the guidelines. Letters must be sent directly to unoorca@unomaha.edu by **April 1, 2022**.
3. **3-5 digital samples of the nominee's research or creative activity**, such as refereed publications, juried or invitational art shows, or major honors/awards, and other evidence such as invited talks at symposia, etc... **Please include a brief (200 word limit per sample) explanation of why each sample is impactful or significant in the nominee's field.** The ADROCA committee is interdisciplinary, and the explanations should be written with minimal use of jargon and technical terms.

Full nominations will be considered active for three years. For continued consideration, nominees are required to submit, in subsequent years, additional support materials to the retained nomination portfolio. These materials may include updated peer review letters. Only the three most recent peer letters will be considered in the Committee's evaluation. Work that has received recognition at the national level, or beyond, shall receive primary consideration in the evaluation process.

V. SELECTION COMMITTEE AND CHARGE

The Selection Committee for the Award shall consist of six voting members, one from each College, to be appointed by the Dean of the College in conjunction with the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity. Terms will be for two years. No consecutive terms are allowed.. The Committee will select its own Chairperson at the beginning of each academic year. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity and/or Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Committee; the Office of Research and Creative Activity shall provide administrative support for the work of the Committee. The Committee shall:

1. Base its recommendation on supporting material submitted with each nomination and additional written material requested by the Committee from the nominee;
2. determine an acceptable candidate for the Award from those nominated, and;
3. submit its recommendation to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity.

FORM I

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2021-2022 NOMINATION FORM

The following information must be submitted by **March 1, 2022** to the **Office of Research and Creative Activity**, unoorca@unomaha.edu :

1. _____
Name of Nominee

2. _____
Name of Nominator

3. Brief statement (200 word limit) explaining why the nomination is being made (to be completed by nominator).

4. Complete Nomination Form (Form II).

5. Statement from nominator and secondary nominator (optional) addressing the significance of the nominee's accomplishment(s) at a national level or beyond; the nominee's effectiveness in advising graduate student research; the nominee's service in national and/or international societies, committees, boards, conferences, and organizations; the nominee's honors and awards; and any other information which indicates the scope of the nominee's research or creative activity.

Nominating materials should be submitted electronically to unoorca@unomaha.edu. All electronic filenames must contain the surname of the nominee. PDF format is preferred.
For exceptions to digital submission, please the Office of Research and Creative Activity at 402.554.2286 or email unoorca@unomaha.edu

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2021-2022 NOMINATOR'S FORM

As the attached guidelines indicate, the Award is made in recognition of distinguished research or other creative activity or preeminent significance conducted by University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty members. Therefore, the production of nationally and/or internationally significant work is the principal criterion on which the selection of Award recipients is based. A major part of the work on which each nomination is based must have been done while the nominee has been at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and *each nominee must still be engaged in research or other creative activity at the University to be eligible*. The nominator and secondary's statements should not exceed 200 words, or one (1) page.

Name of Nominee:

NOMINATOR'S STATEMENT ENCLOSED

Please check and be sure to attach this statement to the electronic nomination package.

Signature of Nominator

Date

Type or Print Signature of Nominator

Date

Signature of Secondary Nominator

Date

Type or Print Signature of Secondary Nominator

Date

Signature of Department Chair/School Director

Date

Signature of College Dean

Date

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AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH OR CREATIVE ACTIVITY RECIPIENTS

1985	Dr. Bun Song Lee -- Economics
1986	Dr. Gonzalo Munévar -- Philosophy & Religion
1987	No award was given
1988	Dr. John Shroder -- Geography/Geology
1989	Dr. Samuel Walker -- Criminal Justice
1990	Dr. John Flocken -- Physics
1991	Dr. Art Diamond -- Economics Dr. James Thorson -- Gerontology
1992	Dr. Richard Freund -- Philosophy & Religion
1993	Dr. Mark Wohar -- Economics
1994	Dr. Cassia Spohn -- Criminal Justice
1995	Dr. Louis Pol -- Marketing
1996	Dr. Jeffrey French -- Psychology
1997	Dr. Bruce Johansen -- Communication
1998	Dr. Julie Horney — Criminal Justice
1999	Dr. Kris Berg — Health, Physical Education & Recreation Dr. Shelton Hendricks - Psychology Dr. Yong Shi - Information Systems & Quantitative Analysis
2000	Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen - Criminal Justice Dr. Hossein Saiedian - Computer Science Dr. Jay White - Public Administration
2001	Dr. Qiuming Zhu - Computer Science Dr. Ineke Haen Marshall - Criminal Justice Dr. Shuanglin Lin - Economics
2002	Dr. Karl Kosloski - Gerontology Dr. Z. Randall Stroope - Music
2003	Dr. Neal Grandgenett - Teacher Education Dr. Jihong Zhao - Criminal Justice

2004	Dr. Ken Deffenbacher - Psychology Dr. Jeremy Lipschultz – Communication
2005	Dr. Jane Woody, Social Work Dr. Andrew Newman, Philosophy & Religion
2006	Dr. Dale Krane, Public Administration Dr. Wei-Ning Mei, Physics
2007	Dr. Zhenyuan Wang, Mathematics Dr. Richard Box, School of Public Administration
2008	Dr. Nicholas Stergiou, School of HPER
2009	Dr. Robert Smith, Chemistry
2010	Dr. GJ de Vreede, ISQA
2011	Dr. Michael Bishop, Geography
2012	Dr. Alan Kolok, Biology Dr. Renat Sabirianov, Physics
2013	Anna Monardo, Writer’s Workshop
2014	Dr. Roni Reiter-Palmon, Psychology
2015	Dr. John Crank, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
2016	Dr. Angela Eikenberry, School of Public Administration
2017	Dr. Prithviraj (Raj) Dasgupta, Computer Science
2018	Dr. Elliott Ostler, Educational Leadership
2019	Dr. Christine Beard, School of Music
2020	Dr. Gina Ligon, Management
2021	Dr. Paul Davis, Biology Dr. Guoqing Lu, Biology