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

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 (even if considered for current University professorship) 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, even if considered for University Professorships. It is understood that "creative activity" includes not only those areas involving purely "original activities," but the performing arts as well.

III. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Award must be submitted by a nominator and 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 may also write a statement; however, this is not required. These explanations must be no more than 200 words and should be submitted as an attachment to the nomination form provided by the Selection Committee.

Nominees will work with the nominators to identify up to three (3) external (to the NU system) letters of internationally or nationally recognized scholars or experts in the nominee’s field. Nominators/nominees should contact these scholars and request letters, along with their CVs, to support the nominee’s award portfolio. Experts or scholars must send their letters and CVs directly to unoorca@unomaha.edu. All nomination materials and experts’ letters and CVs should be submitted electronically to the Office of Research and Creative Activity (unoorca@unomaha.edu) by the nomination submission deadline of January 22, 2018.
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. Such evidence must include the following:

1. A brief statement why the faculty member is being nominated. **If consideration is due to a Professorship, the nominee must submit a one-page personal statement, describing how they have established a sustained record of excellence in research or creative activity;**

2. three (3) external letters of support from internationally or nationally recognized scholars or experts in the nominee’s field. Letters must include must include scholars’ CVs. Letters and CVs must be sent directly to unoorca@unomaha.edu by **January 22, 2018**, and;

3. 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 (3-5 items). If a nominator has information that speaks to a departure from this requirement, the nominator should address this issue.

**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.

**Nominations from Professorships are considered for the current year, only.** If a Professorship nominee wishes to be considered for subsequent ADROCA years, a complete ADROCA nomination form and package must be submitted.

**IV. SELECTION COMMITTEE AND CHARGE**

The Selection Committee for the Award shall consist of twelve voting members, two from each College, to be appointed by the Dean of the College. Each member of the Committee must be a member of the Graduate Faculty. Terms will be for two years, with one new College representative appointed each year. No member of the Graduate Faculty may be appointed for consecutive terms on the Selection Committee. The Committee will select its own Chairperson at the beginning of each academic year. The Associate 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

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH OR CREATIVE ACTIVITY

2017-2018 NOMINATION FORM

The following information must be submitted by January 22, 2018 to the Office of Research and Creative Activity, unoorca@unomaha.edu:

1. ___________________________________________________________________________
   Name of Nominee

2. ___________________________________________________________________________
   Name of Nominator

3. A current Curriculum Vitae of the nominee.

4. Complete Nomination Form (Form II).
   This includes a brief statement explaining why the nomination is being made (to be completed by nominator).
   The statement from nominator and secondary nominator (optional) should indicate 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.

If consideration is due to a Professorship, the nominee must submit a one-page personal statement, describing how they have established a sustained record of excellence in research or creative activity.

5. Three (3) external letters of support from internationally or nationally recognized scholars or experts in the nominee's field. Letters must include must include scholars' CVs. Letters and CVs must be sent directly to unoorca@unomaha.edu by January 22, 2018.

6. Digital copies only of the nominee's most significant work (3-5 items), such as books, creative works, photographs, and reprints of major publications from national and/or international (preferably refereed) journals.

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 contact Beth White at 554-2292 or email unoorca@unomaha.edu
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH OR CREATIVE ACTIVITY (ADROCA)

2017-2018 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.

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Name of Nominee:

☐ NOMINATOR’S STATEMENT ENCLOSED (or SELF-STATEMENT FROM PROFESSORSHIP NOMINEE)
Please check and be sure to attach this statement to the electronic nomination package.

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Signature of Nominator  Date

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Type or Print Signature of Nominator  Date

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Signature of Secondary Nominator  Date

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Type or Print Signature of Secondary Nominator  Date

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Signature of Department Chair/School Director  Date

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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 Saedian - 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