UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA
AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH OR CREATIVE ACTIVITY
(ADROCA)

2015-2016 GUIDELINES

I. OBJECTIVES

The Award for Distinguished Research or Creative Activity 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 Award for Distinguished Research or Creative Activity. 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 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.

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 and should be submitted on the nomination form provided by the Selection Committee.

Nominees will work with the nominators to identify four internationally or nationally recognized scholars or experts in the nominee’s field (outside the University of Nebraska system). Nominators/nominees should contact these scholars and request letters to support the nominee’s award portfolio. Nomination materials and peer letters should be submitted electronically to the Office of Research and Creative Activity: unoorca@unomaha.edu. The nomination submission deadline is December 18, 2015. It will be the responsibility of the nominee to ensure peer letters are received by the deadline.

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.

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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;

2. Names, addresses, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, and a brief description (30-50 words) of the qualifications of four internationally or nationally recognized scholars or experts in the nominee’s field from outside the University of Nebraska system;

3. Peer review letters;

4. Refereed publications, juried or invitational art shows, or major honors/awards (If a nominator has information that speaks to a departure from this requirement, he or she should address this issue);

5. Other evidence such as invited talks at symposia, etc.

IV. SELECTION

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 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. Determine the deadlines for submission of nominations for the Award and announce the availability of the Awards to all UNO Faculty;

2. Base its recommendation on supporting material submitted with each nomination and additional written material requested by the Committee from the nominee;

3. Determine an acceptable candidate for the Award from those nominated;

4. Recommend one of the following:
   a. the Award not be made, or
   b. the Award be made on the basis of the Committee's rank ordering of the candidate(s);

5. Submit its recommendation to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity.

6. Nominations will be considered active for three years after the date of submission unless the nominee is a recipient of the award or withdraws his/her name from consideration. At their discretion, nominees may submit, in subsequent years, additional support materials to the retained nomination portfolio. These materials may include additional peer review letters. Only the four most recent peer letters will be considered in the committee's evaluation. Work which has received recognition at the national level, or beyond, shall receive primary consideration in the evaluation process.
FORM I

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2015-2016 NOMINATION FORM

The following information must be submitted by Friday, December 18, 2015, 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. Brief statement explaining why the nomination is being made.

5. Names, addresses, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, and brief description (30-50 words) of the qualifications of the four internationally or nationally recognized scholars or experts in the nominee’s field from outside the University of Nebraska system.

6. Peer Review Letters. (Nominators or nominees should contact the four Peer Reviewers and request that letters be sent directly in digital format (pdf preferred) to: unoorca@unomaha.edu).

7. Complete Nomination Form (Form II).

8. 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.

9. Digital copies of only the nominee's most significant work (usually at least three 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

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2015-2016 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; attach a sheet as needed.

Name of Nominee:

NOMINATOR’S STATEMENT

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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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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  Roni Reiter-Palmon, Psychology

2015  John Crank, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice