

Awards for Excellence in Research and/or Scholarly Activity

Every year, the Faculty Research Committee holds a competition for the Awards for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity. Awards are given to recognize demonstrated excellence in research.

Eligibility

- Eligibility is open to the Corps of Instruction, as defined by the Board of Regents: Full-time professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors, lecturers and teaching personnel with such other titles as may be approved by the Board, shall be the Corps of Instruction. Full-time research and extension personnel and duly certified librarians will be included in the Corps of Instruction on the basis of comparable training. Persons holding adjunct appointments or other honorary titles shall not be considered to be members of the faculty.
- Faculty who have won the Excellence in Research Award in the past 10 years are not eligible to compete. This award will not be awarded to a single individual more than 2 times in his or her career.
- Faculty must be employed by GSU for a minimum of 3 years prior to nomination for this award.
- Faculty members must be on contract within the Corps of Instruction during the academic year following election. Award recipients will participate in the Focus on Excellence lecture series. Faculty members who leave the University will forfeit the award and stipend and a new faculty recipient selected.

Nominations

Any member of the Georgia Southern faculty or administration may nominate one individual for the award. Nomination letters become part of the file used by the committee to evaluate candidate qualifications. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Members of the committee may not be nominated nor submit nominations or letters of support for this award.

Nominations must be submitted through the online nomination form.

Nomination Deadline: September 21, 2015, 5:00 PM

Applications

Nominated Faculty members must complete an award application providing a history of academic work and samples for committee review. Two awards are nominated each fiscal year. Award winners are announced at commencement. Awards are accompanied by a \$4000 summer stipend to allow recipients time to devote to their scholarly pursuit.

- [Excellence Application Form](#)
- Send Letters of Support to ehaynes@georgiasouthern.edu or by mail to FRC, Care of: Research Compliance, P.O. Box 8005, Statesboro, GA 30460

Application Deadline: **October 30, 2015, 5:00 PM**

Past Recipients

Academic Year 2015-2016

Award in Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity winners:

- Dr. Jian Zhang, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology
- Dr. Weihua (Marshall) Ming, Professor, Distinguished Chair, Department of Chemistry

Academic Year 2014-2015

Award in Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity winners:

- Dr. Hua Wang, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences
- Dr. Valentin Soloiu, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Academic Year 2013-2014

Award in Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity winners:

- Dr. K. Bryant Smalley, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology
- Dr. Juan Luque, Assistant Professor, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

Academic Year 2012-2013

Award in Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity winners:

- Dr. Lorenza Beati-Ziegler, Professor, Department of Biology
- Mr. Marc Mouldon, Associate Professor, Department of Art

Academic Year 2011-2012

Award in Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity winners:

- Dr. Lance McBrayer, Associate Professor, Department of Biology
- Dr. Wen-Ran Zhang, Professor, Department of Computer Science

Academic Year 2010-2011

- Dr. Christopher Cutler, Associate Professor, Department of Biology
- Dr. Samuel Todd, Associate Professor, Department of Hospitality, Tourism and Family and Consumer Science

Academic Year 2009-2010

- Dr. Richard Pacelle, Professor, Department of Political Science
- Dr. Junan Shen, Assistant Professor, Department of Construction Management and Civil Engineering Technology
- Dr. Jonathan Geisler – Professor, Department of Geology and Geography (Special award for Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity during tenure at Georgia Southern University.)

Academic Year 2008-2009

- Dr. Lance Durden, Associate Professor, Department of Biology
- Dr. Karl E. Peace, Professor, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

Academic Year 2007-2008

- Dr. Sophie George, Professor, Department of Biology
- Dr. Xiao-Jun Wang, Professor, Department of Physics