

## **Mennonite College of Nursing Early Career Research Award**

This award recognizes faculty members who have initiated a promising research agenda early in their academic careers.

Early Career Award recipients will be recognized at college events.

### **Criteria for eligibility:**

- Nominees must be Illinois State University tenure-track faculty members who have completed five years or less in a tenure-track position at any institution of higher education. For example, an individual may have completed three years at another institution and be eligible within their first two years at Illinois State University.
- Nominees must currently be involved in research and must show promise of making a significant contribution to their fields of study.
- Members of the University Research Council are ineligible during their terms of service. Previous recipients of the award are ineligible.
- Individuals may not be nominated for both the Outstanding College Researcher Award and the Early Career Award simultaneously.

### **Procedures for submission of nominations:**

- Eligible faculty members may ask to be considered for nomination by the College Research Committee; they may be nominated by any faculty member in the College; or they may be nominated by the College Research Committee. Application materials are provided to each applicant in the College.
- Applications are submitted to the College Research Committee.
- The final evaluation of applications will be made by the College Research Committee. During deliberation, the CRC may request supporting materials from nominees.

### **Complete application should include:**

- Cover letter
- A statement from the nominee describing his/her current research. The statement should be written at a level appropriate for researchers outside the discipline. In addition to a description of current activities, the statement should address the contribution that the nominee's program of research make to their field of study. (1 to 1 and 1/2 pages single spaced.)
- A full career vita. Research accomplishments should be categorized and listed, beginning with the most recent, using the Evaluation Guidelines and [Criteria of Scholarly and Creative Productivity](#) found in the current Appointment, Salary, Promotion and Tenure (ASPT) document. Complete citations must be given for all published works.
- Letters of support are welcome, but not required.

### **Criteria for Evaluation**

The committee expects that competitive candidates will be well-rounded members of the college community with strong contributions in teaching, service and research/scholarship. We will consider:

- A nominee's record of research and publication for the first five years following receipt of their terminal degree at any institution of higher education will be reviewed for potential contributions to their profession.
- A nominee's record of research and publication while at Illinois State University will be given greatest weight in the CRC's deliberations, although a full career vita for each nominee will be evaluated.
- Written endorsements should address nominee's current involvement in research and promise of making significant contribution to their field of study.