

Mennonite College of Nursing  
At  
Illinois State University

**OUTSTANDING COLLEGE RESEARCHER AWARD**

**Purpose of the award:**

The purpose of selecting a faculty member to receive the Outstanding College Researcher Award is to recognize a colleague who demonstrates:

1. a consistent record of scholarly productivity;
2. significant contributions to his/her discipline;
3. a research/scholarship record considered outstanding in comparison to his/her colleagues in the college and consistent with the record of previous Mennonite College of Nursing Outstanding Researcher award recipients.

**Amount of the Award:** \$500

**Eligibility:**

Tenured and tenure-track faculty who have been at ISU at least 3 academic years prior to application are eligible for the award.

Applicants may not have received a previous Mennonite College of Nursing Outstanding Researcher Award or a University Research Award within the last five academic years.

**Evaluation:**

The selection committee will consider the applicant's entire research record. However, greater emphasis will be placed on the most recent five year period and on the applicant's research while at ISU.

Nominees will be evaluated for a) nationally and internationally recognized research, b) quality of scholarly work, and c) contribution to profession/discipline.

Scholarly works of faculty must reflect the definition of research adopted by the University Research Committee.

The University Research Committee defined research as follows:

Research is a formal procedure which contributes to the expansion of basic knowledge or applies such knowledge to the solution of problems in society or exemplifies creative expression in a specific field of study. The results of research are communicated to professionals outside the University through a peer review process in a manner appropriate to the discipline.

It is possible that the selection committee will decide not to present an award in a given year, if the research records of the applicants do not meet the committee's standards of excellence.

### **Application Procedures:**

No nominations are required. Any faculty member with an appropriate research record who meets the eligibility criteria is encouraged to submit an application.

1. Provide a comprehensive statement regarding current research and scholarly activities during the past five years addressing each of the evaluation criteria:
  - a) nationally and internationally recognized research, b) quality of scholarly work, and c) contribution to profession/discipline.

The statement should be written to enable colleagues in other disciplines to evaluate the breadth and depth of your research program. It should not exceed two pages, single-spaced.

2. Provide a full career vita. Your research accomplishments should be listed using the categories in the modified Graduate School list "Accepted Modes for Documenting Research." In each category, list the most recent accomplishments first, then continue in reverse chronological order. Include all co-authors, listing names in order of authorship as published. (Note: The selection committee will not consider an application if these reporting guidelines are not followed.)
3. Include an endorsement of the application from an administrator or another colleague. The statement must be signed and dated, and should address the following criteria:
  - Quality/uniqueness of scholarly work
  - Reputation of the journals/juried events
  - Scope of influence of the nominees work nationally and internationally
  - Contribution of the work to the advancement of the discipline.

The statement must be signed and dated, and may not exceed one page, single-spaced.

4. Complete and attach the cover page.

Applicants are encouraged to refer to ISU's Research and Sponsored Program's webpage regarding "Criteria for the Evaluation of Scholarly and Creative Productivity"  
[http://www.rsp.ilstu.edu/funding/internal/criteria\\_evaluation.shtml](http://www.rsp.ilstu.edu/funding/internal/criteria_evaluation.shtml)

\*Definition of international/national and regional/state activities:

An international/national journal or activity would be one in which the editors or reviewers are from a variety of countries or states and the articles or activities are presented by authors from a variety of countries or states. A regional/state journal or activity would be one in which the editors or reviewers are from one region or state and the majority of the articles or activities come from authors in one region or state.

### **Outstanding College Researcher Award**

Five hundred dollars is provided to each College to recognize outstanding researchers. The number of recipients, the selection process, and the criteria for these awards are at the discretion of the College. However, the criteria should parallel those of the Outstanding University Researcher Award program for College recipients to be competitive at the University level.

Funds provided by the University for this award may be combined with research award programs already existing in the Colleges, but individuals selected must be designated by the title Outstanding College Researcher. Although funds are intended to be used primarily for equipment, it is permissible for Colleges to exchange funds from other budget accounts so that award recipients may obtain the research-related items they need most.

Colleges should send the names of award recipients to the Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies before the deadline for Outstanding University Researcher applications; otherwise, College recipients will be ineligible for Outstanding University Researcher awards that year.

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**Cover Sheet/Application Form**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial Year of Appointment at ISU: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received a previous College Outstanding Researcher award? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received a previous University Research Award? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

To be included in Application Materials:

\_\_\_\_\_ Cover Sheet

\_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's statement

\_\_\_\_\_ Full career vitae

\_\_\_\_\_ Endorsement letter by administrator or colleague

Colleague endorsing your application:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Office phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed application, with cover sheet and endorsement from an administrator or a colleague, is due to the chair of the College Research Committee by 4:30 PM on the first Tuesday of September