PURDUE FORT WAYNE
OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD

Purpose

The purpose of the Outstanding Research Award is to honor a faculty member for outstanding performance in the area of research, scholarly activity, or creative endeavor. The term research includes all three of these categories.

The faculty member chosen will have achieved an exceptional record of contributions to the body of knowledge or creative works in his or her discipline. In addition, the faculty member will have had great success in communicating the results of his or her work to a wide audience, and will be able to demonstrate the range and significance of their intellectual contributions.

The Outstanding Research Award recipient will receive $2,500, either as a stipend or in professional development funds (recipient’s choice), and be honored at an on-campus reception following a presentation to the campus community.

Eligibility

The Outstanding Research Award recipient must be a tenured full-time faculty member at Purdue Fort Wayne. There are no restrictions on the number of applications/nominations from any college, school, or department.

Nominating/Application Procedure

A. Faculty member may be self-nominated or may be nominated by another individual.
B. The application/nomination package consists of the cover sheet, nominator’s statement, and a brief. The format of the brief is the responsibility of the author. Suggested topics for inclusion are below.
C. The application/nomination package is limited to 10 pages, exclusive of the required cover sheet and nominator statement. Use one inch margins, single or double-spaced, with 11-point font.
D. The nominator’s statement should contain an analysis of the candidate’s research that provides a rationale for the nomination.

Suggested Topics

The following topics may be included; not all topics will be pertinent to every case.

A. Bibliography of significant publications, exhibits, performances, etc., in appropriate citation form;
B. Presentations at significant scholarly conferences;
C. Peer comments: collegial assessments such as those in reappointment recommendations and annual evaluations, outside evaluator comments such as those in promotion and tenure dossiers, published reviews and citations;
D. Contributions to the research and creative community such as reviewing, editing, refereeing, and organizing conferences;
E. Grants received;
F. Previous awards or honors;
G. Other evidence of excellence in research, scholarly and/or creative activity.
Selection Process

The Outstanding Research Award Selection Committee will choose the recipient. The committee consists of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or VCAA designated alternate (ex officio), three representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, and one representative from each of the other academic colleges or schools. Past ORA recipients will serve as representatives for their respective academic colleges or schools. The remaining open representative positions will be selected by the Dean of the school or college with the approval of the VCAA.