

The University Research Council Award for Exceptional Achievements in Creative Scholarly Activity

The University Research Council will present the following annual awards to NMSU faculty and staff in recognition of exceptional research and/or other creative scholarly efforts at NMSU:

- a) "Early Career Award": Two awards to early career faculty or staff, with an appointment at NMSU between two and six years at the time of nomination
- b) "Distinguished Career Award": Two awards to senior faculty or staff, with six or more years at NMSU at the time of nomination.

For the early career and senior research awards, each of the academic colleges, the library, PSL and other research centers may nominate one individual or creative team. In addition, The College of Arts and Sciences may nominate both an early career and senior award candidate or team for exceptional creativity in the Arts and Letters. The application packet will consist of

- a nomination letter from a faculty or staff member (forwarded through the dean),
- 2-3 external letters (from outside NMSU) that describe the impact the nominee has had in their field of expertise,
- a research vitae documenting the scholarly and creative activities undertaken by the nominee during their appointment at NMSU (max of 5 pages)

Examples of scholarly and creative activity that will be considered in the committee's decision are:

1. Outstanding original research achievements as evidenced by the significance of the research in advancing knowledge in the field of study; publications in peer-reviewed, refereed journals; peer-citations of published works; success in attracting outside funding as principal investigator; nature of outside funding (i.e. prestige and level of national competition for the awards); scholarly books; chapters in scholarly books; monographs;

2. Outstanding creative achievements such as performances, books, exhibits, textbooks, or other achievements that obtained significant recognition from colleagues in and outside NMSU;

3. Outstanding technical achievements evidenced by research awards, patents, invited talks, conference presentations, consulting activity, etc.

Nominations are to be sent to the Vice Provost for Research, MSC 3RES. The award winners will be selected by the Vice Provost for Research from a finalist list recommended by the University Research Council.

Each individual or creative team award winner will receive \$2,000 during the Fall Convocation.