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Academic Awards Committee
University Scholarship of Engagement Award

Purpose of the Award
The purpose of the Scholarship of Engagement Award is to recognize one full-time faculty member annually for achievement in scholarship of engagement and for sustained commitment to partnered scholarly endeavors with communities.

Scholarship of engagement (SOE) is scholarly activity by faculty and community partners working together. The community is viewed as an equal partner and works collaboratively through all aspects of the program, including topic identification, data collection, implementation, analysis, and dissemination. The scholarship produced can include professional presentations and publications along with research studies of partnerships, documentation of community response to engagement and outreach, and other forms of assessment that have been disseminated by means of reports and policies.

Community Engagement focuses on collaborative interactions with community. The focus is a mutually planned and beneficial exchange, exploration, and application of knowledge, information, and resources.

Eligibility for Award
Full time faculty members in all colleges and schools are eligible to be nominated or to self-nominate for the award. There is one award given annually.

Criteria for Award
The faculty member receiving this award will provide:
1. Evidence that the SOE positively impacted the community(ies).
2. Evidence of sustained and equal relationships with the community(ies) for the purpose of scholarship.
3. Evidence of a relationship between SOE, ECU Tomorrow, and department/unit goals.
4. Evidence of leadership in SOE.
5. Products related to the dissemination of SOE in juried presentations, publications, and in appropriate and accessible public venues.

Nomination and Selection Process
Department-level academic units (to include “areas of concentration” in the School of Art and Design) may select nominees for the Scholarship of Engagement award consideration at the University level. Nominations may also be forwarded directly from the individual candidate or any collegial representative of the candidate’s field of work. All nominations must consider the definition of the scholarship of engagement when determining eligible faculty. The nomination letter, not to exceed two pages in length, should explain why the nominee deserves the award including how the nominee meets the identified criteria.

The nominee will provide a portfolio that is a maximum of 20 pages (no appendices). Any portfolios that do not adhere to these directions will not be reviewed. The portfolio must include:
1. A 500-word essay that describes SOE from the nominee’s perspective including the impact of the SOE on the community(ies), ECU and the discipline.
2. A CV with a maximum of 5 pages highlighting the nominee’s SOE.
3. Appropriate evidence illustrating that the nominee meets the criteria for the award. A letter of nomination, not to exceed two pages, should indicate why the nominee deserves the award including how the nominee meets the identified criteria. Examples of evidence might include letters that attest to
Selection Process
Nomination letters, directly from the individual candidate or any collegial representative of the candidate’s field of work, must be received in the Office for Faculty Excellence no later than September 15 of each year or the next business day if the 15th falls on a weekend. Nominated faculty who wish to pursue the award should submit the portfolio of all evaluative materials to the Academic Awards Committee c/o the Office for Faculty Excellence (1001 Joyner Library) by November 1 at 5:00 pm. Beginning in Fall 2015 nomination letters and portfolios will be submitted electronically via the web and/or via flash drive. No additional materials will be accepted after this date.

The Academic Awards Committee will review the nominees based upon the criteria for the award and will provide the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies its recommendation(s) along with the names and portfolios of all nominees. The Vice Chancellor will review the recommended nominee’s portfolio based upon the award procedures and, after conferring with the Committee, will determine the awardee. The Vice Chancellor will send letters of award recognition to the successful faculty member and the Awards Committee. The Vice Chancellor will recognize all nominees via a letter.

AWARD
The award carries a monetary prize and a plaque. Recognition will occur at the ECU Awards Recognition Ceremony.