

Background and Purpose: The Dean's Excellence in Research Award will recognize a distinguished researcher who has demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in externally funded research activities, provide invaluable support and assistance to fellow faculty, researchers and students, and exhibited a steadfast commitment to elevating the overall research mission of CAFNR. One (1) individual award may be presented for the Dean's Excellence in Research Award.

Criteria for Award:

Research Quality and Impact: Candidates should have a track record of producing high-quality research that contributes significantly to their field of study. This includes publications in reputable journals, presentations at prestigious conferences, and other indicators of scholarly impact such as citations and awards.

Innovation and Creativity: The recipient should demonstrate innovation and creativity in their research approach and methodology. This may include developing novel theories, methods, or techniques, as well as applying existing knowledge in new and innovative ways to address research questions or solve practical problems.

Contribution to Knowledge: The candidate's research should make a meaningful contribution to advancing knowledge and understanding in their discipline. This may involve filling gaps in existing literature, challenging prevailing theories or assumptions, or generating new insights and discoveries that have the potential to influence practice or policy.

Collaboration and Interdisciplinary Works: While individual achievement is important, collaboration and interdisciplinary work are also valued. Candidates who have successfully collaborated with colleagues from other disciplines or institutions to address complex research questions or tackle interdisciplinary challenges should be recognized.

External Funding and Grantsmanship: Receipt of external funding and grants is an indication of the quality and significance of the candidate's research. Candidates who have successfully secured competitive grants and funding to support their research activities should be given special consideration.

Research Leadership and Mentorship: The recipient should demonstrate leadership in research, including the ability to lead research teams, mentor junior researchers, and foster a culture of excellence and innovation within their research group or department.

Ethical Conduct and Integrity: Ethical conduct and integrity are paramount in research. Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to upholding ethical standards and practices in all aspects of their research, including the treatment of human subjects, animal welfare, data management, and publication ethics.

Impact on Society/Community: Lastly, the candidate's research should have a tangible impact on society or the community. This may include contributions to public policy, advancements in technology or medicine, improvements in quality of life, or other forms of societal benefit resulting from their research.