

EXEMPLARY RESEARCHER AWARD

Announcement and Nomination Procedure

February 10, 2010

This college-level award recognizes a successful, currently active researcher with exemplary research activity, publication record, graduate and undergraduate student research program. This faculty member would provide an excellent example of accomplishment in research and development of a mentoring program (graduate students and/or post-doctorate). Last year's recipient was Dr. Gregory Boyer, Professor, Department of Chemistry.

This award, made annually, includes:

A calendar year Tuition Scholarship and Graduate Assistantship at the PhD stipend level (to be used within three years); and

A \$5,000 research account (2010 currency) that can roll over for three years; and

Two plaques, one given to the researcher, and one for permanent display in Bray Hall listing all winners over the coming years on small plates.

These provisions recognize that the exemplary researcher and ESF will be in a position to attract and guide an excellent graduate student. Additional funds in the form of a TA/GA from the appropriate department, and/or research funds from the candidate's program would complete the student support package.

The candidate will be recommended by the Committee on Research (COR) based on a **campus-wide nomination process** and ad-hoc committee review. The ad-hoc award committee members will include the COR members plus additional researchers in the area of study for each nominee; the latter will be chosen by the Dean of Research.

The recipient will be announced as part of the Spotlight on Research activities each Spring. The recipient will be expected to present a campus-wide research seminar within six months of the announcement. The award will be highlighted at venues that include Board of Trustees meetings, ESF web site, Inside ESF magazine, local newspapers and the ORP Research Times.

Nomination Procedure

Faculty members are invited to write a **confidential letter to nominate** a potential Exemplary Researcher for 2010. This letter should be sent to Theresa Kaier-May, Office of Research Programs, by **Tuesday, March 1, 2010**. At this preliminary stage quantitative details on number of papers, graduate students and research projects are not needed. A summary of the overall scope of the potential candidate's qualifications should suffice.

Following initial review and assessment by the COR and Dean of Research, additional materials will be sought by **Friday, March 10, 2010**, for three to five candidates. The 2010 recipient will be selected by the Dean of Research and Provost based on recommendations of the ad hoc review committee, and will be announced during the Spotlight on Research activities in mid-April 2010.

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Dean of Research

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Thomas R. Horton
Chair, Committee on Research