

## College of Liberal Arts Award for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Achievement

The *College of Liberal Arts Award for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Achievement* will be presented annually to tenured faculty members in the College in recognition of sustained exemplary performance in research, scholarship, and/or creative achievement at the national/international level while serving as a faculty member at the University of Mississippi. Depending on the quality of the pool of nominees, two awards will be given, with one each chosen from the areas of (1) Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Mathematics and (2) Humanities and Fine and Performing Arts. The ideal recipients will have achieved scholarly recognition and influence well beyond the University of Mississippi community. Recipients of the award are not eligible to receive the award again. Each recipient will be recognized with a \$2,000 cash prize and a medal, which will be presented at the College of Liberal Arts graduation ceremony in May. Awardees will be invited to be members of the platform party during this ceremony.

**Nomination process:** Candidates must be nominated by the Department Chair and/or tenured faculty members who hold the rank of Professor in cooperation with the Chair. The nomination package should include a letter (no more than three pages in length) explaining the candidate's unique contributions to research, scholarship, and/or creative achievement and a copy of the nominee's CV. The CV should list all accomplishments that strengthen the nomination. This information might include lists of refereed journal articles, research grants and/or fellowships, nationally acclaimed books and/or book chapters, patents, and nationally commissioned works, as well as reports of performances or recitals at the national level, original musical works or arrangements, special recognition by professional societies, and any other evidence of scholarly distinction. Two external letters are required from leading scholars holding the rank of Professor whose expertise is in the candidate's field.

**Review process:** A faculty committee chosen by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts or his designee will select the award recipients. The committee will be composed of four senior faculty members representing each area, and in addition, include at least one previous award winner when available. The committee has the option of declining to make awards in both areas if, in its judgment, there are no compelling nominations from one of these.

**Timeline:** The Dean's office will solicit nominations from all College departments by March 1 of each year. The nomination packages are due in the College office by April 28 (or the next business day if this date falls on a weekend or holiday). The award winners will be announced at the spring faculty meeting before graduation. All nominations should be forwarded to [libarts@olemiss.edu](mailto:libarts@olemiss.edu).