

## College of Liberal Arts New Scholar Award

The *College of Liberal Arts New Scholar Award* will be presented annually to untenured, tenure-track professorial rank faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts who are within 6 years of their initial tenure-track academic appointment and who have demonstrated exemplary performance in research, scholarship, and/or creative achievement. Candidates must be untenured when nominated. Depending on the quality of the pool of nominees, up to four awards will be available, with one each chosen from the areas of (1) Natural Sciences and Mathematics, (2) Social Sciences, (3) Humanities, and (4) Fine and Performing Arts. The ideal recipients must have significantly enhanced the scholarly reputation of the College and University through exceptional contributions to their disciplines. Individuals may only receive this award one time, but recipients will retain their eligibility for the *College of Liberal Arts Award for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Achievement*, which is normally awarded to post-tenure, senior faculty. Each recipient will receive a \$1000 cash prize and medal to be presented at the College of Liberal Arts graduation ceremony in May. Awardees will be invited to be members of the platform party during these ceremonies.

**Nomination process:** New scholars must be nominated by the Department Chair and/or tenured professorial rank colleague(s) in cooperation with the Chair. The nomination package should include a letter of nomination explaining the candidate's unique contributions to research, scholarship, and/or creative achievement; a copy of the nominee's CV; copies of the nominee's activity reports and any other related material that might strengthen the nomination. This material might include reprints of publications, information about grants received, copies of books, book chapters, patents, and commissioned works, as well as reports of performances, special recognition by professional societies, or other evidence of distinction. The nomination must be no more than three pages in length, exclusive of the supporting materials. Nominations will remain active for two years.

**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 untenured, tenure-track faculty member and/or previous award winner. The committee has the option of declining to make awards in all areas if, in its judgment, there are no compelling nominations from certain areas.

**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 18 (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).