BEAL Outstanding Faculty Award (OFA)

Criteria Details

Outstanding Faculty Awards are made each year to tenure system faculty for outstanding total service to the University. The nominations are based on teaching**/mentoring**; advising; research; publications; committee work; public **and professional** service including extension, **outreach,** continuing education and work with government agencies; or a combination of activities. Administrative excellence and length of service may not be used as the sole criteria for nomination. Nominees usually have at least five years of service at Michigan State University, **though accomplishments across the nominee's career will be considered.**

Nominator Statement (Letter)

No more than two pages preferred. NOT to exceed five pages.

The statement must address the criteria:

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES (See University Award Criteria for Librarians)

* Evidence of exceptional research and creative activities in traditional, nontraditional, or emerging areas
* Across disciplines and areas
* Dimensions:
  + Discovery of new knowledge, including creative activities, originality of approach
  + Development of innovative problem-solving strategies or methodologies
  + Application and dissemination of knowledge, including extension activities
  + Patient care activities in support of research and creative activities
  + Research and Creative activities in outreach, professional/clinical, extension, international, or urban arenas

Excellence may be demonstrated in many ways:

* Publications
* Presentations
* Poster sessions
* Websites
* Performances and exhibits
* Scores, showings, recordings, and curatorial activities
* Citations of one’s work by others

Evaluations by peers and affected groups including comments by

* Outside evaluators
* Journal editors, referees, etc.
* Grants received in support of research
* Research Awards
* Other forms of professional/alumni recognition

INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE

* Evidence of exceptional instructional performance in a variety of settings
* Dimensions addressed may include (but are not limited to):
  + On- and Off-campus credit instruction
  + Course and curriculum development
  + Experimental curricula
  + Development of instructional materials such as textbooks or software
  + Technology enhanced instruction
  + Non-Credit instructional activities including the development of:
    - Certificate programs
    - Community programs
    - Extension programming, etc.
  + International instruction such as:
    - Instruction abroad
    - Comparative/international courses on campus, etc.
  + Patient care activities in support of instruction
  + Academic advising
  + Instructional activities in professional/clinical, extension, international, or urban arenas

SERVICE

* Evidence of exceptional service in local, national, or international settings that builds upon the faculty member’s professional and scholarly expertise, involving external activities such as:
  + Consultation and technical assistance
  + Policy Analysis
  + Program Evaluation
  + Grant reviews
  + Public information

OTHER

* While not as important as the three criteria above, evidence of other contributions to Michigan State University such as Academic Administration and Governance should be included and will be considered by the All-University Awards Committee.

The All-University Awards Committee will pay particular attention to evidence of distinction in the discovery, dissemination, and application of knowledge as reflected in the nominee’s reputation and standing within the appropriate external peer group of the relevant fields(s) of endeavor, as well as to national and international prominence.

To complete the nomination form, you will need the following information:

Nominee:

* Name
* Academic Rank
* Title (if applicable)
* Department(s)/College(s)
* MSU Appointment Date
* Effort percentages (should total 100%):
  + Teaching/Instruction
  + Research & Creative Activities
  + Service
  + Public Service/Outreach
  + Administration
* Office Address
* Office Phone
* Email
* Is Nominee aware of nomination?

Nominator:

* Is nominator a past recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award or William J. Beal Outstanding Faculty Award AND nominating *directly* to the All-University Awards Committee?

**PART C:**

**All-University Awards ONLY:** Only past-DFA (1988- 2013) or past-BOFA (2014-2021) who are nominating DIRECTLY to the committee must complete Part C and include Chairperson/Director and/or Dean commentary (when provided) in Section IV.

* Chairperson/Director and/or Dean commentary is to be limited to one page. If candidate is jointly appointed, both lead Dean and Chairperson/Director and other Dean and Chairperson/Director may provide commentary.
* If nominating directly, nominator MUST obtain signatures of the Chairperson/Director and the Dean.
* This commentary will not count against the required number of letters of support.
* Place Dean and/or Chairperson/Director commentary in Section IV (see below) of the nominee’s dossier.

**BEAL Nomination Form Checklist**

Data Form

Nominator Statement (2-5 pages)

Nominee Profile/Sketch (1-2 pages)

Chairperson/Dean Commentary & Signature on form (direct nominations of past recipients

*only*)

Referee’s Qualifications

Supporting Letters (no more than 5)

Curriculum Vitae (no more than 15 pages)

Summary of Teaching and Advising (1 page)

SIRS Information (Teaching Table included in this packet)

Does not need to be included if the faculty focus is mentoring

Nominee’s Draft Citation (350 words or less)