

## Call for Nominations!

### Distinguished Junior Faculty Research Award

The CFAES Office for Research and Graduate Education are requesting nominations for the CFAES **Distinguished Junior Faculty Research Award**. The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) translates cutting edge research to stakeholders across the state. By engaging with our stakeholders, we provide research, technology, and knowledge to support safe, sustainable, and viable agricultural practices across Ohio and the world. This important work could not be accomplished without outstanding researchers working on projects across the college.

Awardees are selected based on their research accomplishments and impact made during the five-year period prior to the nomination (2019-2023, inclusive). Nominees with less than 5 years of service at The Ohio State University may include research accomplishments from previous institutions obtained during the 5-year period. Documentation of all accomplishments should follow the attached guidelines and format.

Past award recipients in this category (2019-2023) are not eligible for this award. Past award winners can be found at: <https://research.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/research/annual-research-awards>

- **Distinguished Junior Faculty Research Award**

This award recognizes outstanding research contributions in the advancement of science and technologies relating to food, agriculture, family, communities, and/or the environment by faculty at the rank of Instructor, Assistant, or Associate Professor.

The award will consist of a plaque and a \$1,000 cash prize to the awardee, and a one-time allocation of \$3,000 to the operating expense account of the awardee's research project.



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**Nomination Criteria:****I. Eligibility**

- a. All CFAES appointed researchers with the rank of Instructor, Assistant or Associate Professor who have an active sponsored projects portfolio.
- b. Only one nominee per TIU.

**II. Nomination Package Guidelines**

Please follow the guidelines carefully so the Awards Committee can make objective evaluations. Initiation of nominations within departments are the responsibility of the department awards committee or another appropriate committee as designated by the Chair.

1. **Cover Sheet**-Submit a fully prepared cover sheet which includes the names of both the nominee and the department chairperson. It is the department chair's role to ensure that the nomination package is in strict accordance with the guidelines given here. (Please see Appendix A)
2. **Summary Evaluation Letter**-This should be prepared and signed by the department chair. The Summary Evaluation Letter must be on college or department letterhead, and be no more than two pages, single spaced. See Appendix B for guidelines in completing the Summary Evaluation Letter.
3. **Record of Research**- All nominees must present a five-year (January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023) record of research accomplishments Do not list accomplishments outside this period. (Please see Appendix C).

Label each section and the application form clearly. **Please start each section on a new page and validate all the requested information before submitting to the college.** Please do not provide any information that is not within this five-year window. For each publication, list authors in the order of appearance as published.

- *Each nomination should be submitted electronically as a single PDF document on or **before 5:00 PM on November 30, 2023** and contain the materials listed below to be considered complete. Nominations with missing documents will not be considered for awards.*
- *Nomination packets are limited to **20 pages**.*

**Please note the following important information:**

- Recommendation letters from internal or external evaluators **should not be sought nor included** in the nomination package.
- Any submission **not** adhering to the guidelines and requested format **will not be evaluated**.

**III. Selection Committee:**

A standing committee of faculty with broad disciplinary representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners. The target date for a final announcement of the awards is February 2024.

**IV. Award Presentation**

Awards announcements will be made at the college's award ceremony that has followed the Dean's State of the College address typically taking place on April 5, 2024.

**V. Submit Nominations**

Submit nomination via Qualtrics. The Qualtrics nomination portal will remain mostly unchanged from last year and is available on the CFAES Faculty and Staff Affairs website:

<https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/>

You can preview the Qualtrics form here:

[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/SV\\_cZl42hqnarEynvU?Q\\_CHL=preview&Q\\_SurveyVersionID=current](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/SV_cZl42hqnarEynvU?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current).

**Appendix A.**

**Nomination Cover Page**  
**Distinguished Junior Faculty Research Award**

<b>Name, Title, Department of Nominee</b>
<b>Date of Hire:</b>

<b>Nominator Name/Title of Nominator</b>

<b>Executive Summary</b> Provide a brief summary of the achievement that can be used as the awards citation if the nomination is successful.

## Appendix B. Summary Evaluation Letter

### Guidelines for Summary Evaluation Letter of Research Program and Contribution

Nominators of candidates are requested to provide an evaluative summary of the candidate's research accomplishments. This statement is limited to **two pages, single spaced**, and must be prepared and submitted by the department chair. The principal objective of the summary evaluation is to interpret and frame the significance of the nominee's research and impact. The selection committee is comprised of CFAES researchers from many different disciplines. Mere citation of work often does not convey the information necessary to determine how the nominee's research is accepted, used, or valued by professionals in the nominee's field.

Provide substantive examples of the value of the nominee's research and any other context necessary for the committee to understand the nominee's impact on the discipline or beyond. Mere complimentary statements are of little value and are discouraged.

**The following guidelines should be followed in writing this summary statement.**

- Briefly summarize the major focus areas and impact of the candidate's research.
- Briefly describe the nominee's appointment regarding the percent of Teaching, Research, and Extension appointments, and how this compares to other faculty in the department or in the discipline as a whole.
- Provide an evaluative summary of peer reviewed publications and other publications of relevance, indicating the relative prestige of the journals/proceedings where work was published and the number of citations or other measures of impact relative to the discipline. A summary of significant invited lectures or presentations should also be included. In addition to a general summary, the letter may briefly highlight up to five (5) specific publications or presentations that are especially significant.
- Provide an evaluative summary of research student advising (BS Honors, MS, and PhD students) advised during this period) for whom the candidate was the **primary** advisor. Include an indication of the relative size of the candidate's research group within the discipline and evaluate noteworthy accomplishments of the nominee's students.
- Discuss any major awards or honors that the candidate has received in the five-year period. These may include election as a technical society Fellow, NSF (or other) early career grants, and other technical excellence awards for papers or presentations.
- Provide an evaluative summary of the candidate's research grant/contract activity over the five-year period and evaluate the relative competitiveness and funding amount of these awards within the nominee's discipline.
- Provide a summary statement regarding the nominee's evidence of research independence (capacity to initiate, lead and develop research projects); Does the nominee demonstrate characteristics to become a CFAES next generation leader? Has the nominee demonstrated excellence in the early stage of their career?

**Appendix C. Record of Research**

<b>Section 1</b>	<b>Archival Publications and Research Texts</b>	
1.a.	<b>Publications in Peer Refereed Journals</b>  List only archival papers which have been refereed and appeared in print within the five-year window. Other publications may be listed in Section 3.	Recommended format is as follows:  Author(s): Title of the Article. Journal Title. Volume, pp. xx-yy, Publication Date.  Impact Factor (IF) of the article.
<b>Section 2</b>	<b>Theses and Dissertations Supervised</b>  List only those theses and dissertations that have been completed within the <b>five-year</b> window and for which the nominee was the <b>official advisor or co-advisor</b> . Do not include those for which the nominee served as an Exam Committee member. Required format is shown below. Please note by number reference to items in Sections 1 and 3 the papers that have been generated from these theses and dissertations.	
2.a.	<b>Completed M.S. Theses</b>	Include: Student Name, Title of Thesis, Date Degree Conferred
2.b.	<b>Completed B.S. Honors Theses</b>	Include: Student Name, Title of Thesis, Date Degree Conferred
2.c.	<b>Post-doctoral Researchers Advised</b>	Include: Name, Dates of employment.
<b>Section 3</b>	<b>Auxiliary Information</b>	
3.a	List the following five types of publications within the five-year window: articles published in conference proceedings, not refereed); editorship of books; editorship of conference proceedings; book chapters.	Recommended format is as follows:  Author(s): Title. Type (or Name) of Publication. Volume (if applicable), Publisher, Publication Date.
3.b.	<b>Presentations and Abstracts</b>  List all presentations or short abstracts (less than one published page) accompanying such presentations within the five-year window. If an extended (more than one page) abstract accompanies a presentation, please list it in Section 3A.	Recommended format is as follows:  Author(s): Title. Forum. Abstract Citation (if applicable), Date.
3.c.	<b>Other notable research accomplishments and dates of activity</b>  List any other notable research activity you feel is pertinent within the five-year window. These activities might include journal editorship; journal reviewer; research committee	

	membership or leadership; membership in research organizations or honorary societies; advisory or research panels such as for NSF, EPA, etc.; significant software development; patents, and awards or prizes.
<b>Section 4</b>	<b>Research Grants and Contracts</b>
4.a.	<p>List only projects with a term that includes the five-year window and with an indicated project number and PI, and Co-I(s) involvement by the nominee. Research contracts which have been agreed to in principle but have not been contractually formalized are not to be listed.</p> <p>Recommended format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicate clearly is the nominee is the lead PI/PD, or Co-PI on the project.</li> <li>• Project Title</li> <li>• Start-End Date</li> <li>• Sponsor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indicate sponsor type (federal, state, industry, local)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Total \$\$ amount of award AND the total % of the award to the nominee.</li> <li>• OSP Project Number</li> </ul> <p>A table can be submitted for this section.</p>