Dean’s Creative Achievement Award
For Faculty

College of Communication and Fine Arts

This award is intended to recognize professional accomplishment beyond the level routinely expected of college faculty and of such excellence that credit accrues to the department, college, and university as well as to the faculty member. It is made annually by the Dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts on the recommendation of the College Council for Graduate Studies and Research and is based on information supplied by the nominees. The annual deadline for nominations is announced in the fall.

I. Definition
Creative activity may involve performance, composition, theatrical production of an artwork, or similar areas of professional endeavor, so long as a product or sufficient documentation can be submitted as evidence of creative activity.

II. Eligibility
College of Communication and Fine Arts tenure track faculty who have been employed full-time at least three years are eligible for this award. A substantial portion of the creative activity to be awarded must have been completed while employed in the college. Faculty who have won the award are eligible to be nominated again after a five-year lapse of time. There are no limits on how many times past winners may be nominated, but past winners should only submit projects and materials produced since receiving the award previously.

III. Nomination
Faculty may nominate themselves or be nominated by a colleague at The University of Memphis. If a nomination should not be selected in the first year of application, the nomination will carry over for the next two years. Nominees will be notified that they may submit an updated CV and materials in subsequent years.

IV. Documentation
The nominator should provide a one-page narrative describing the nominee’s creative activity, highlighting its intent and significance. The nominee must submit these materials along with the cover page provided by the university that includes the department chair’s signature. Unless a department chair is acting as the nominator, a letter of support from the chair is not required.

Additional documentation of creative achievement must be provided by the nominee and may take any form so long as the information is clearly presented.

The nominee should provide evidence of a positive response to the creative activity from the audience for whom it was produced and/or from professional peers.

A current CV should be included.

V. The Award
The award includes a reduced load for one semester, a $500 travel stipend, and an award plaque.