Dean’s Outstanding Research 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
The award is given for published academic research within the current practice of the nominee’s field; it excludes activity in the creative and performing arts as defined by the guidelines for the Dean’s Creative Achievement Award.

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 research 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 scholarly production and its significance and distinction in the field. The nominee should provide the committee with a representative sample of published work not to exceed five items and two peer letters or reviews attesting to the significance and distinction of the research being submitted. 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.

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.