

UTIA AgResearch Mid-Career Faculty Research Excellence Award

The award will be presented to a mid-career faculty member who has between seven and fifteen years of faculty experience, with a minimum of five years of service as a member of the agricultural faculty of The University of Tennessee. In addition, the faculty member must hold the rank of at least Associate Professor and have an AgResearch appointment. This award recognizes demonstrated commitment and meritorious achievement in research by faculty during the mid-stage of their academic career. Emphasis will be on the impact that a faculty member's efforts in research and technology development have had on UT AgResearch stakeholders or the science community at large. Emphasis will be placed on his/her accomplishments during the past five calendar years for consideration of this award. Both tenure and non-tenure track faculty are eligible for the award.

Nominations are due by the second Friday of May.

The nomination package should include the following:

- A 2-page letter of nomination from the department head or the department Awards & Honors Committee
- One to three letters from nominee's UT colleagues who are in a position to elaborate on her or his research/creative activity.
- One to three letters from experts in the nominee's field at other institutions who are knowledgeable about the nominee's work. Provide a short paragraph summarizing the qualifications of external references.
- Current CV of the candidate (no more than 25 pages) with a one-page summary of accomplishments
- Short bio sketch of the candidate

Nominations should clearly describe how the candidate meets the following selection criteria:

- The significance of the faculty member's research contributions to his/her field(s). Cite specific examples.
- Activities and National/International recognition reflecting leadership in the scientific community including:
 - Research awards
 - Publication record
 - Invited presentations
 - Successful grant applications
 - Successful mentoring of graduate students and postdocs
 - Involvement of undergraduate students in the faculty member's research
 - Participation in professional organizations
- Implementation/adoption of research findings by stakeholders or the scientific community. Cite specific examples.

Applications will be evaluated by the AgResearch Award Advisory Committee composed of two faculty (full professor rank), one at-large committee member, and the Associate Dean of AgResearch (Chair). The committee will recommend an honoree (if any) to the AgResearch Dean and thereafter the UTIA Senior Vice President and Senior Vice Chancellor's Office. Previous recipients, Distinguished Professors, or Institute Professors are not eligible for the award. This award will include a framed certificate, \$3,000 cash gift, and public recognition at the Institute of Agriculture Promotion/Recognition Luncheon held annually in late Summer.