

UTIA AgResearch Research & Development Impact Award

The award will be presented to a senior faculty member who has, in general, a minimum of fifteen years of service as a member of the agricultural faculty of The University of Tennessee. Exceptions for the 15-year service requirement may be granted for extraordinary faculty who have served at previous institution(s) and continue to demonstrate exemplary research excellence at UT. The faculty member must hold the rank of Professor and have an AgResearch appointment. This award recognizes meritorious achievement in establishing a nationally/internationally recognized research program within their discipline. Emphasis will be on the impact that a faculty member's efforts in research and technology development have had on UT AgResearch stakeholders and/or the scientific community at-large. Both tenure and non-tenure track faculty are eligible for the award.

Nominations are due the last Friday of April.

The nomination package should include the following:

- A 2-page letter of nomination from the department head or chair of the department Awards Committee
- One to three letters from nominee's UT colleagues who are qualified to comment on the individual's 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 30 pages) with a two-page summary of key research program developments
- 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 discipline. Cite specific examples.
- Activities and widespread recognition of the faculty members research program and emerging leadership in the scientific community including:
 - Research awards
 - Publication record
 - Invited presentations at national and international events
 - Successful grantsmanship
 - Successful mentoring of graduate students and postdocs
 - Involvement of undergraduate students in the faculty member's research
 - Participation in professional organizations
- The implementation and adoption of new knowledge by stakeholders and/or the scientific community.

Applications will be evaluated by the AgResearch Award Advisory Committee composed of two faculty (full professor rank), one at-large committee member, and an Associate Dean of AgResearch (Chair). The committee will recommend an honoree (if any) to the AgResearch Dean and thereafter the UTIA Chancellor's Office. Previous recipients are not eligible for the award. This award will include a framed certificate, \$5,000 cash gift and public recognition at the Institute of Agriculture Promotion/Recognition Luncheon held annually in late Summer.