

AgResearch Dean's Professor Award

Purpose: To recognize faculty members at the rank of Professor who have achieved and sustained a track record of outstanding productivity and impact in their research program, with national and global prominence. The successful candidate will receive \$40,000/year funding support from AgResearch for a period of three years along with a plaque. The recipients will retain the AgResearch Dean's Professor title for the duration of service to the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. The funds may be used to support the faculty's research program, such as research supplies, travel to present research findings at professional meetings, GRA or postdoc support; however, it cannot be used to support faculty salary. Faculty with titled professorship, i.e., Endowed, Distinguished, Institute, or Chancellor's Professor, will not be considered for this award.

Criteria:

- Tenured Full Professor for 3 years or longer at time of nomination;
- 50% or greater AgResearch appointment;
- Evidence of continuous professional growth, productivity, and leadership;
- Evidence of significant impacts on nominee's discipline and stakeholders;
- A track record of successfully mentoring graduate students and postdocs; and
- An outstanding institutional citizen and collegial colleague.

Number of Award: one

Nomination procedure: The nomination package will consist of:

- A letter of nomination from the Department Head or the Department Awards Committee that describes the candidate's qualifications (limited to three pages);
- The candidate's up-to-date curriculum vita (limit to 25 pages), and a summary of accomplishments, demonstrating sustained outstanding track record;
- Two letters of support from external peers who are knowledgeable about the nominee's work and the impact it has had on the discipline or community; and
- A 1-page narrative describing the 5-year vision, goals, and desired outcome of the candidate's research program.

Review and selection: Nominations will be reviewed by a 3-member committee appointed by the AgResearch Dean, comprised of titled professors, plus the Associate Dean for AgResearch serving as the liaison. Review deliberations will be submitted to the Dean of AgResearch who will make the recommendation to the Sr. Vice President/Sr. Vice Chancellor. The AgResearch Dean's Professor Award will be presented at the UTIA's Annual Awards Luncheon.

Submission Deadline: COB, Last Friday of April