

Branham Endowment for Recognition of Junior Faculty for Excellence in Research

The Agricultural Research Division (ARD) at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources invites nominations for “*Recognition of Junior Faculty for Excellence in Research*” award. Early-career awards are important to recognize outstanding trajectories of junior faculty and aid in building strong portfolios for promotion and tenure. Similarly, early-career awards serve as important building blocks for regional and national awards later in a career.

Please help us ensure that your unit has **at least one eligible deserving early career faculty nominated for this important award**. Should there be any questions as to eligibility, please contact Jared Evert at jevvert2@unl.edu at ARD.

Nominations must be emailed to the ARD office by **5pm on September 25, 2017**. Please send your nominations as a single PDF to ardgrants@unl.edu indicating in the subject line “Junior Faculty for Excellence in Research Nomination”. Nominees will be notified in late October and a recognition luncheon for award recipients to follow. It is anticipated that up to two early career faculty members will be recognized during 2017. Thank you in advance for your attention to this request!

Guidelines concerning this award program are enclosed, and please contact Tala Awada tawada@unl.edu at ARD if you have questions.

Nomination Process:

Any faculty member or administrator may nominate an eligible (see criteria below) faculty member. A completed nomination form (included with this document, and available online at the [ARD web site](#)) containing the following materials is required:

1. Nomination letter from a faculty or an administrator.
2. Nominee’s Curriculum vitae; the CV should not exceed 5 pages, and should include employment record, list of refereed publications, grants activity, service activities, and honors and distinctions. *CVs exceeding the five-page limit will **not** be considered.*
3. Three letters of support in addition to the letter of nomination with at least one letter from a person outside of the nominee’s unit.

Eligibility:

At the time of nomination, the candidate shall have an ARD appointment as tenure-track Assistant Professor and have five years or less of professorial service at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Junior Faculty for Excellence in Research (continued)

Evaluation of Nominees:

A committee consisting of members of the ARD Advisory Council together with ARD Administration will evaluate nominations and recommend recipients.

Criteria:

The following criteria will be used in evaluating nominees:

1. Publication record with more weight given to publications resulting from research conducted at UNL.
2. Evidence of external funding activity.
3. Professional service.
4. Recognition by peers.

Form of Recognition:

It is anticipated that up to two junior faculty members with ARD appointments will be recognized each year. The recognition will include a certificate, recognition ceremony and a \$3,000 grant for use by the faculty member(s) for professional development or research-related activities.



Recognition of Junior Faculty for Excellence in Research Award Nomination Form

Date:

mm/dd/yyyy

Nominee Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Department:

Email:

Nominator Information

Nominator First Name:

Nominator Last Name:

Nominator Department:

Nominator email:

Nominator Signature

Date:

mm/dd/yyyy

Contact ardgrants@unl.edu if any questions on filling out form
For help with electronic signatures, you can find instructions [here](#).
Please be sure to complete the form before signing.

Recognition of Junior Faculty for Excellence in Research Award Checklist*

Nomination Form

Candidate Information Section

Nominator Information Section

Nominator Signature

Supporting Materials**

- Curriculum vitae, not to exceed five pages, including:
- employment record
- list of refereed publications
- grant activity
- professional society service activities
- honors and distinctions

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*The checklist is provided for your convenience. Please review the announcement to ensure that you have included all necessary materials. Please contact the Agricultural Research Division (ardgrants@unl.edu) prior to submitting the nomination if you have questions.

****Supporting documents (.pdf, .doc, .xls etc.) may be appended electronically to the application.**

To attach a file to this form in **Acrobat Reader**, select Comment > Annotations > Attach file (paperclip icon).

Select this tool then **click on this page again** and you will be prompted to select a file to attach.

You can attach .pdfs, Excel and Word files, as well as other formats.

To attach a file to this form in **Acrobat Pro**, select Tools > Edit PDF > More Editing Options > Attach file.

In the Add Files dialog box, select the file you want to attach, and click Open.