The Office of the Vice President for Research announces the opening of nominations for the 2018 University Co-Operative Society’s Research Awards in the following three categories:

- Career Research Excellence (see below for description and eligibility)
- Best Research Paper (see below for description and eligibility)
- Creative Research (see below for description and eligibility)

The University Co-Operative Society’s Research Awards are given for outstanding research and scholarship conducted by eligible University of Texas at Austin faculty members or staff researchers. A selection committee comprised of faculty and researchers reviews all eligible submissions and selects award winners in each category. The University Co-Operative Society hosts a fall banquet to celebrate the accomplishments of the honorees and their guests.

ELIGIBILITY AND DUE DATES

- Faculty Members (Tenured and tenure-track faculty, senior lecturers, and lecturers).
- Staff Researchers (Code 1000 personnel, including postdoctoral fellows).
- Nominations must include the following:
  1. A nomination statement (200-word maximum).
  2. The nominee’s complete Curriculum Vitae.
  3. Two letters of support (see each award description for specific letter requirements).
- Submitted works, if eligible for multiple Co-Op Awards, may only be considered for one of these awards. Nominees will be advised if such a conflict is identified.
- Nominations must be submitted to: https://utexas.infoready4.com/
- Deadline: 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2018.
CAREER RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD

Award Description

- The Career Excellence Award recognizes a sustained outstanding research achievement by a faculty member or staff researcher over many years.
- Nominees should have received national and/or international recognition for excellence in their area of specialization, or in interdisciplinary or hybrid areas that include their specialties.
- Accomplishments and/or recognition should be well documented.
- Anyone can nominate a candidate, and self-nominations will be accepted.
- The winner will receive a cash award of $10,000.

Nomination requirements

1. A nomination statement (200-word maximum).
2. The nominee’s complete Curriculum Vitae.
3. Two letters of support from content/field/scholarship experts/faculty members/researchers familiar with the nominee’s area of research or creative achievement. For this award, both letters of support should be from external sources (outside the UT System).

Please address questions to honorific-coop-career@austin.utexas.edu or 512-471-2877.

BEST RESEARCH PAPER

Award description

- The Best Research Paper Award recognizes extraordinary achievement by a faculty member or staff researcher who was the principal or sole author of a peer-reviewed scholarly paper reporting original research and published January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.
- Nominees should have received national and/or international recognition for excellence in their area of specialization, or in interdisciplinary or hybrid areas that include their specialties.
- Accomplishments and/or recognition should be well documented.
- Anyone can nominate a candidate, and self-nominations will be accepted.
- The winner will receive a cash award of $3,000.
Nomination requirements

1. A nomination statement (200-word maximum).
2. The nominee’s complete Curriculum Vitae.
3. Two letters of support from content/field/scholarship experts/faculty members/researchers familiar with the nominee’s area of research or creative achievement. Recommendation letters from UT Austin colleagues are acceptable. Recommendation letters and rationale statement should clearly explain why the nominated paper is relevant and significant to the field.
4. Copies of the nominated paper and evidence of the research publication’s quality. Evidence of scholarly impact may include citation index, popular press coverage, selection as a journal cover, etc.
5. Nominations must be submitted to: https://utexas.infoready4.com/ by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

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CREATIVE RESEARCH AWARD

Award description

• The Creative Award recognizes extraordinary creative achievement and scholarship by a faculty member or staff researcher from January 1 to December 31, 2017.

• Examples of outstanding creative achievements may include, but are not limited to, performances, creative writing, exhibitions, dance, choreography, music, opera, drama, directing, conducting, performance art, costume design and technology, set design and technology, lighting design and technology, sound art, ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, design, crafts, photography, videography, filmmaking, screenplays, documentaries, conceptual art, and computer art, as well as applied arts such as industrial design, graphic design, interior design, decorative art, landscape architecture and architectural design.

• Nominees should have received national and/or international recognition for excellence in their area of specialization, or in interdisciplinary or hybrid areas that include their specialties.

• Accomplishments and/or recognition should be well documented.

• Anyone can nominate a candidate, and self-nominations will be accepted.

• The winner will receive a cash award of $3,000.
2. The nominee’s complete Curriculum Vitae.

3. Two letters of support from content/field/scholarship experts/faculty members/researchers familiar with the nominee’s area of research or creative achievement. For this award, both letters of support should be from external sources (outside the UT System).

4. The nomination packet must include supporting material for creative achievement, such as a libretto, DVD, MP3, photos, or reviews. Supporting materials may be submitted electronically via https://utexas.infoready4.com/or by delivery to The Office of the Vice President for Research, Peter T. Flawn Academic Center (FAC), Suite 426, 2304 Whitis Ave., Austin, TX 78712-1111.

5. Nomination must be submitted to: https://utexas.infoready4.com/ by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

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