



2011 NORTH CAROLINA A&T RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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The Division of Research and Economic Development (DORED) is soliciting nominations for 2011 Research Excellence Awards for University Senior Researcher, University Junior Researcher and Rookie of the Year.

Each school/college will select a Senior Researcher of the Year and Outstanding Junior Researcher. The winners at the school level will receive a plaque and small monetary award (\$500 for the Senior Researcher and \$300 for the Junior Researcher). The names of the Senior and Junior winners at the school/college level, and selections for the Rookie of the Year, and their application packets, will be forwarded to the Division of Research & Economic Development for review by the Research Awards Committee, whose members are appointed by the Chancellor.

There is no school/college level award for the Rookie of the Year. Schools and Colleges should send their *ONE* nominee for Rookie of the Year directly to DORED.

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BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011.**

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BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011.**

Winners will be announced at the Honors Day Convocation on March 15, 2011. They will be invited to give presentations on Faculty Research Day, Thursday April 14, and will be honored at the Research Awards dinner on Friday April 15.

1. Eligibility

Up to three University Research Excellence Awards may be given each year. In the event of a tie in any category, recipients will split the monetary award. Criteria for each award are as follows:

- **Outstanding University Senior Researcher Award:** Nominees must be tenured faculty members currently conducting research and/or creative productivity. They must have been at North Carolina A&T State University for a minimum of three academic years before nomination. The stipulations are: (1) Nominees must have received their college or school Outstanding College/School Senior Researcher Award for this academic year; (2) Nominees are currently involved in research and/or creative work; (3) Previous recipients of the award within the past 10 years (Academic Year 2000-01 and later) are ineligible; and (4) Individuals should not be nominated for both this award and the Outstanding University Junior Researcher Award simultaneously. Faculty members who serve as deans or in other administrative positions at the school/college or university level are not eligible.
- **Outstanding University Junior Researcher Award (Outstanding Young Investigator):** Nominees must be tenure-track faculty members at North Carolina A&T State University and have completed their terminal degrees within the last 5 years. Guidelines are: (1) Nominees must have received their college or school's Outstanding School/College Junior Researcher Award for this academic year; (2) Nominees are currently involved in research and must show promise of making a significant contribution to their field of study; (3) Previous recipients of the award are ineligible; and (4) Individuals should not be nominated for both this award and the Outstanding Senior Researcher Award simultaneously.
- **Outstanding University Research Initiative Award (Rookie of the Year):** Nominees must be tenure-track Assistant Professors in their second year of appointment at North Carolina A&T State University. They must demonstrate outstanding capability and exceptional promise for significant future achievement and potential value to the University.

2. Evaluation Guidelines and Criteria for Research & Creative Productivity

The evaluation of research and creative productivity requires consideration of a variety of factors and must consider the quality and significance of each contribution as well as sustained research and creative productivity. Factors used to evaluate meritorious research and creative productivity include but are not limited to:

1. Authorship or co-authorship of peer-reviewed published materials such as journal articles, articles in conference proceedings, monographs, books, book chapters, artistic works, software development, or other professional and technical documents;
2. Authorship or co-authorship of published materials such as editorially reviewed articles, articles in conference proceedings, translations, software development, cases, artistic works, or other professional and technical documents;
3. Citations received for his/her publications;
4. Competitive external or internal grants/contracts obtained related to research and creative productivity;

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5. Fiscal responsibilities and submitting required grant and contract reports on time;
6. Outstanding contribution to the enhancement of the University's research capabilities (facilities and resources, research niche, marketability, relevance, recognition);
7. Outstanding research performance as evidenced by partnerships established internally and externally and by the formation of interdisciplinary teams;
8. Securing intellectual property disclosures and patents/copyrights as results of conducting research and/or creative activities;
9. Production and presentation of radio and television works, films and videos related to the scholarly or creative activities;
10. Refereeing, editing, and/or reviewing journal articles, grant proposals, and book manuscripts;
11. Serving the professional community through such work as organizing conferences, symposia, workshops, and/or performances at the local, regional, national and international level;
12. Managing or serving as a consultant for exhibitions and performances; and
13. Other documented research or creative activities such as service to professional societies and receiving national recognitions.

Note: Applicants' documents of the individual evidence of research and productivity performance must be listed in the above order.

3. Research Awards Committee

The Research Awards Committee that will evaluate and select winners is appointed by the Chancellor. This year's chairman is Dr. Solomon Bililign. Members of the committee are Dr. Lauren Davis, Dr. Ipek Goktepe, Dr. Cathy Kea, and Dr. Musibau Shofoluwe.

4. Procedures for Submission of Nominations

1. The same application format is provided to each College/School Dean for distribution to potential applicants in the College/School so all college/school winners can submit their application packages without additional effort. Each package should not use larger than a two-inch binder.
2. The College/School Dean will submit the completed application packages of the winners at the School/College level of the Senior and Outstanding Junior Researcher Awards to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development by February 1, 2011. The College/School Dean should also submit the application packet of the nominee from the school/college for the Rookie of the Year Award.
3. The final evaluation of applications will be made by the Research Awards Committee, members of which are selected by the Chancellor. During deliberations, the Committee may request supporting materials from nominees and/or may ask deans for additional information.
4. The Research Awards Committee will recommend to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development one recipient (or, in the event of a tie, two) in each award category from the list of School/College award winners and the Rookie of the Year nominees.

5. Complete application checklist

1. Appropriate cover sheet (both forms provided below).
2. A statement from the nominee giving an overview of his/her engagement in research and/or creative achievement and the work's relationship to North Carolina A&T's research vision. The statement should address: (a) quality of the work, (b) the scope of influence of the nominee's work nationally and internationally, and (c) contribution to of the work to the advancement of the discipline.

The statement is limited to two single-spaced typed pages using at least 10-point type.

3. Supporting materials for the evidence of research and creative productivity should be listed by the 13 factors in the Guidelines and Criteria.
4. A full career vita. Complete citations must be given for all published works.
5. At least one, but no more than three, external letters of support should be included in the materials submitted for consideration. External letters of support provide reviewers with helpful insights about the contribution of the research accomplishments to the discipline and society.

NOTE: Please be aware that reviewers are colleagues with expertise in diverse scholarly fields. It is important to address each nominee's achievements with information clarifying how the work qualifies as outstanding in the particular discipline represented. (For example, scholarly activity in fine arts may be judged in quite different terms from scholarship in Physics.)

6. Awards

Each recipient will be given a monetary award and a plaque.

- University Senior Researcher Award (\$4,000)
- Outstanding University Junior Research Award (\$2,000)
- Rookie of the Year Award (\$1,000)

Each recipient will be recognized at the Spring Honors Day Convocation and at the Researcher Awards Dinner.

Recipients will be invited to make oral presentations at Faculty Research Day and will be requested to share their achievements during the awards dinner.

7. UNIVERSITY RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOMINATION COVER SHEET

Nomination for:

- University Senior Researcher Award**
 Outstanding University Junior Researcher Award
 Rookie of the Year Award

PERSONAL INFORMATION				
Last Name:		First Name:		MI
Department:		# of years at NC A&T:		
College/School:		Campus phone #:		
		E-mail Address:		

Application package must include the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Nomination Cover Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Career Vita
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	External Letter(s) of Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of Research Performance (See the 13 factors of the Guidelines and the Criteria; Must be listed in the order.)		

On behalf of the College/School of _____

I am happy to endorse the person above for the University Research Excellence Award for the academic year of 2010 - 2011.

Dean's signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please submit the nomination package *by Tuesday February 1, 2011*, to:
 Research Awards Committee
 Division of Research Administration and Economic Development
 Fort IRC Building, Suite 416**

8. Outstanding College/School Researcher Awards

The selection process and the criteria for the college/school awards are at the discretion of the college/school. However, the criteria for eligibility and the evaluation guidelines and criteria should parallel those of the university so their award names simply replace the word “university” by “college” and will be as follows:

- Outstanding Senior College Researcher Award
- Outstanding College Junior Researcher Award
- Rookie of the Year Award

Colleges/Schools should send only one nomination in each award category to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development before the deadline for University Research Excellence Awards.

9. COLLEGE/SCHOOL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOMINATION COVER SHEET

Nomination for:

- Senior College Researcher Award
 Outstanding College Junior Researcher Award
 Rookie of the Year Award

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Last Name:		First Name:	
			MI
Department:			# of years at NC A&T:
College/School:			Campus phone #:
			E-mail Address:

Application package must include the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Nomination Cover Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Career Vita
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	External Letter(s) of Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of Research Performance (See the 13 factors of the Guidelines and the Criteria; Must be listed in the order.)		

On behalf of the Department of _____

I am happy to endorse the person above for the College Research Excellence Award for the academic year of 2010 - 2011.

Chairperson's signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please submit the nomination package to the Dean
by Tuesday January 18, 2011.**

10. **Timetable for University Research Excellence Awards Program**

Event	Deadline
Annual announcement and distribution of the University Research Excellence Awards Program	Monday, November 15, 2010
Departments submit their nominees' application packages to colleges and schools	Tuesday January 18, 2011
Colleges and schools announce their winners	Monday January 30, 2011
Deans submit each college/school winners' application packages to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development	Tuesday, February 1, 2011
Application packages are distributed to the Evaluation Committee members, who meet to select the winners.	Friday February 4 – Monday February 14, 2011
The Evaluation Committee forwards the list of award winners to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development.	Tuesday February 15, 2011
Announcement of the award recipients	Tuesday March 1, 2011
Award ceremonies will be held at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Honors Day Convocation • Researcher Awards Dinner 	Tuesday March 15, 2011 Friday April 15, 2011