Frankenhoff Outstanding Research Award

NOMINATIONS TO ERGP@KSU.EDU by Monday, February 29, 2016

The Engineering Research Excellence Award was established in 1994 to recognize individual achievement in engineering research at Kansas State University. In 2005 it was re-named the Frankenhoff Outstanding Research Award. One award, in the amount of $2,000 and a certificate, is presented annually at the Faculty Awards Convocation during the fall semester. A photograph will be displayed in a prominent location in the Engineering Complex atrium for one year and then given to the awardee.

In 2014, the College of Engineering created a new set of awards complementary to the Frankenhoff Award. Each Dean’s Awardee will receive $1000 and be recognized at the Fall Convocation. It is expected that multiple Dean’s Awards for Research will be made each year. All applications received for the Frankenhoff award will automatically be considered for the Dean’s Awards for Research.

Eligibility for the award:
Any faculty member is eligible who has been an employee of the College of Engineering for at least three years at the assistant professor level or higher. Starting in 2016, no individual is eligible to receive the Frankenhoff award more than once.

Performance Period:
The award is based upon research accomplishments during the last five (5) years. For 2016 awards, the last five (5) years is defined as activities occurring after January 1, 2011.

Evaluation Criteria:
- **Research Projects.** Success in obtaining competitive funding for projects important to the nominee's research area; successful conduct and completion of these projects; impact of the research.
- **Commitment to Graduate Education.** Examples include outstanding supervision of M.S. and Ph.D. graduate students; consistent involvement in graduate level instruction; productive involvement with scholars visiting K-State and postdoctoral associates.
- **Dissemination of Research Results.** Examples include publications; quality of publication venue (impact factor, etc.); presentations; patents, software, and other research products; indication of results being used by others.
- **Research Leadership.** Examples include active participation in national and international conferences and professional societies; organized research involving multiple researchers; international and national recognition of research program.
- **Other.** Promotion of and involvement in undergraduate research programs; fostering industrial relationships; incorporating research into education, etc.

Nomination:
Any K-State faculty member may nominate one or more individuals for these awards. Please email the following information to ERGP@ksu.edu by February 29, 2016 – name and department of nominee, and name and department of nominator.
Nominee's Application:

To become a candidate for these awards, each nominee must provide the following information to the Associate Dean for Research who coordinates the college research awards committee:

- A letter, not exceeding three pages, describing research accomplishments of the nominee during the last five (5) years based upon the above criteria, including a statement describing the nominee’s most significant accomplishment during this time period. For funded research projects, list all researchers involved, and applicant’s role and approximate responsibility for each project.
- Completed two page summary form
- A current curriculum vita including publications, research funding history, graduate student supervision, graduate courses taught, awards, etc. for the last five (5) years.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation in support of the Frankenhoff application (previous nominees may use reference letters from the previous year). At least one letter should be from K-State sources and at least one letter should be from sources external to K-State. Each reference letter should include a paragraph on the interactions and relationship of the reference to the nominee. If a candidate is applying only for the Dean’s Awards for Research, a single letter of support from his or her department head is necessary.
- Projects and accomplishments completed prior to the 5-year review period are not to be included. Applications which include such materials will not be considered.

NOTE: Last five (5) years is defined as activities occurring after January 1, 2011.

Deadlines:

Email nominations for both the Frankenhoff Award and Dean’s Awards for Research must be received by Associate Dean Noel Schulz via ERGP@ksu.edu by February 29, 2016. Nominees will be notified immediately and invited to submit application materials by April 4, 2016.

Research Awards and Professional Recognition Committee:

The Research Awards and Professional Recognition Committee is responsible for the selection of the Frankenhoff Award as well as recommendations to the Dean on the Dean’s Awards for Research. One faculty member from each academic department in the College of Engineering shall serve on the committee. No faculty member may serve more than three consecutive years. In addition, the committee must contain at least two assistant and two associate professors. The Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Programs (ADRGP) will appoint the committee members based upon recommendations received from each department head. The ADRGP serves as a non-voting ex officio member and chairs the committee.