

# Researcher of the Year

**Description:** The faculty Researcher of the Year award is given each year to the individual from the College that complete the most outstanding research within the previous three years. The Vice President for Research sponsors a university award to recognize the University Researcher of the Year from among the College nominees.

- Criteria:**
1. The basis for selection is the significance and quality of the research or creative achievement as distinct from service or teaching.
  2. In addition to standard research and creative “products,” also eligible are refereed or juried papers and presentations; invited scholarly work to professional, media, or community audiences; and awards, honors, and positions held in scholarly organizations.
  3. Faculty of assistant professor rank or above are eligible.

**Nomination Materials:** A letter of nomination as described in Part 1 below. This letter should be a summary of the nominee’s relevant accomplishments, with particular attention to such issues as the impact of his or her contributions through research or creative activities, evidence of originality and creativity, and probable long-range significance of the work. Not all members of the review committee will be experts in the nominee’s field; descriptions of contributions made should be written with this in mind.

**Due Date:** Nominations are due to the Humanities and Social Sciences Dean’s Office by the November deadline. Portfolios are due from the three finalists in December (see materials required below). For the exact dates, visit the website: <http://chass.usu.edu/faculty-files/faculty/awards>.  
The nominee is responsible for a strong portfolio.

Part 1: A letter of support from the department head or designee, consisting of no more than two single-spaced pages, one inch margins, 12-point TR font.

Part 2: A current C.V. and/or résumé, as appropriate, from the nominee.

Part 3: Supporting material: Additional letters of support (not to exceed ten pages)

**Recognition:** Recognized at the College Awards Ceremony. Will also be recognized during Research Week by the Vice President for Research.