Portland State University
PRESIDENTIAL CAREER RESEARCH AWARD

The Presidential Career Research Award is Portland State University’s most prestigious honor for career recognition of senior research faculty. Each recipient of this honor will receive an award and a $3,000 taxable honorarium.

Selection Criteria
● The faculty nominee must be a current employee of PSU or have retired within the past 12 months prior to submission, typically having achieved the rank of full professor.
● Nominees may be from any field of scholarship, including the arts and humanities.
● Awardees will be selected based on the career-long significance and quality of their research or creative achievements, as distinct from service or teaching.
● Awardees will garner recognition from experts of national and international reputation outside of PSU, as indicated from letters or evaluations elicited from the contacts provided by nominators (see requirements below).
● Nominees not selected from the previous year are automatically carried forward once for consideration the following year, with updated CVs submissible.
● Nominees not selected either of two consecutive years must remain out of the process for one selection cycle before regaining eligibility.
● The nominee will be available on campus on or before the week of February 17-21, 2020 for a video shoot if selected as the awardee.
● The nominee will be available on campus the evening of May 8, 2020 to accept the award in person if selected.
● The nominee will be available on campus the first full week of May (May 4-8, 2020) to present a featured lecture pertinent to their field of study as part of Research Week.

Who May Nominate?
Any current PSU faculty member or senior academic administrator, such as a dean or department chair, from any department or college within the university may make nominations. Nominators should submit materials for only one candidate.

Required Nomination Materials
The following materials should be submitted in support of nominations:
● Letter of Nomination (not to exceed 5 pages)
  This letter should clearly state the nominee’s name and provide a summary of the nominee’s relevant accomplishments, with particular attention to such issues as the impact of their contributions to the discipline through research or creative activities (please include citations or other recognition data), evidence of originality and creativity, and probable long-range significance or impact of their work. Not all members of the review committee will be experts in the nominee’s field; descriptions of contributions should be written with this in mind.
● Nominee’s Current Curriculum Vitae
  Provide a copy of the nominee’s current CV, in standard format, including a complete list
of publications, awards, sponsored projects, and other forms of recognition by peers—international, national, and regional.

- **List of (4) Contacts for External Letters of Support**
  
  Provide a list of four recognized national or international experts and their contact information (including name, current email address, and phone number if available) in the nominee’s field from whom the review committee may request independent evaluations. The people listed should be familiar with the nominee’s work; the opinions of nationally and internationally recognized experts are most persuasive. Letters of recommendation are not to be included with the nominating letter; RGS staff will solicit these from the contacts on the list provided.

**Selection Process**

- Name-only nomination and contacts list for soliciting external letters of support must be submitted by: **Monday, October 21, 2019**.
- Completed submissions (i.e., letter of nomination and nominee’s CV) must be received by **Monday, November 4, 2019**.
- The Presidential Career Research Award Committee will review all nominations.
- The committee will review their analysis of the candidates with the Vice President for Research & Graduate Studies.
- The Vice President for Research & Graduate Studies will carry the committee’s recommendations into a discussion with the President of the University.
- Portland State’s President will select the Presidential Career Research Awardee.
- Nominees will be notified well in advance of Research Week.

**Recognition**

- The recipient will be celebrated during Research Week.
- The recipient will be asked to give the annual Presidential Career Research Lecture during Research Week the following year (2021).

All required nomination materials must be submitted via the 2020 Excellence Awards Nomination Form by **November 4, 2019** in order to be eligible for review (outside contacts are due October 21, 2019). The nomination form is accessible on the RGS website; pdf format is preferred for all nomination materials.

For answers to questions about this award or the nomination process, please contact Amy Crelly: acrelly@pdx.edu, 503-725-9944.