In addition to other honors, Portland State University’s department of Research & Graduate Studies recognizes PSU researchers and graduate student mentors for their vital contributions to the University and to their fields with these annual RGS Research Excellence Awards:

- **Presidential Career Research Award**
  PSU’s most prestigious honor for career recognition of senior research faculty.

- **Graduate Mentoring Excellence Award**
  Recognizing a faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to successfully mentoring graduate students and postdoctoral scholars.

- **Early Career Research Award**
  Celebrating an outstanding tenure-track faculty member at the rank of assistant or associate professor.

- **Research Faculty Award for Non-tenure-track Faculty**
  Honoring an especially excellent non-tenure track faculty (NTTF) member.

Selection criteria and nomination requirements specific to each award are listed separately in the pages following this one. Awardees are celebrated at PSU’s annual Research Awards Dinner (May 1, 2020), organized and hosted by RGS, where they receive their awards and checks for the taxable honorarium included with each award. PSU’s Researcher of the Year awardees, selected at the college level, are also honored at this event. The awards celebration marks the start of Portland State’s Research Week, which takes place the first week of May. Research Week promotes the people and projects that make Portland State one of the nation's most innovative public research universities.

**Nomination Overview**

Nominations are solicited from faculty, chairs and deans at the beginning of PSU’s Fall term, with the deans approving completed nominations before they are submitted to a review committee. The awards committee comprises past winners and faculty representing the various schools and colleges at PSU. Typically, no more than one award is made in each category, and none need be given in any particular year. Nomination materials are to be submitted via the 2020 Excellence Awards Nomination Form, accessible on the RGS website starting September 30, 2019 (pdf format preferred).

**Deadlines**

- **October 21, 2019**: Names of nominees and nominators’ contact information must be submitted.
- **November 4, 2019**: All completed nominations submitted by this date will be eligible for review.

For answers to questions about these awards or the nomination process, please contact Amy Crelly: acrelly@pdx.edu, 503-725-9944.
PSU’s Early Career Research Award is given annually to a faculty member at the rank of assistant or associate professor who produces outstanding and original scholarship at an impressive rate while engaging PSU students in rigorous research activity. The recipient of this award will receive a citation and a $1,500 taxable honorarium.

Selection Criteria
Nominations should clearly address the following selection criteria:

- Importance of the nominee’s contributions to their field
- Recognition of their peers nationally and/or internationally
- Originality of work
- Pattern of research productivity
- Involvement of students in their research
- Academic reputation of the journals, publishing houses, exhibitions, and professional presentations in which the candidate’s work has appeared

Significant external support, when appropriate, will be viewed favorably. A review committee appointed by the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (RGS) will evaluate all nominees and provide recommendations to the President, Provost, and Vice President for RGS to guide the final selection of awardees.

Nomination Requirements
Nominations are solicited from faculty, chairs and deans, with the deans approving completed nominations before they are submitted to the awards review committee. No more than one awardee will ordinarily be selected to receive the Early Career Research Award. The review committee may forego naming an awardee in any given year.

Complete nomination packets will include:

- **Nominator’s Letter**
  The primary nominator’s letter should articulate how the nominee meets the selection criteria, specifying the nominee’s most noteworthy contributions to PSU and to their field while communicating the impacts of these contributions.

- **Abbreviated Current Professional Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

- **Additional Letters of Support**
  No more than three additional letters of support are recommended.

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. The nomination form is accessible on the RGS website; pdf format is preferred for letters and CVs.

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