

# **CBAS Distinguished Research Award**

## **Purpose and Criteria**

The Distinguished Research Award is designed to recognize a member in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences (CBAS) who has developed a record of outstanding research. The award shall be made during spring semester each academic year. The ideal candidate for the Distinguished Research Award shall be a faculty member including department chairs:

- 1. With a distinguished research record.
- 2. Whose research contributions are long-term and extend beyond the present academic year.
- 3. Whose outstanding research record is supported by excellence in the classroom and a commitment to service.

Each of the above criteria must be met in order to receive the Distinguished Research Award. Each recipient will be honored with a plaque and a monetary award. No award will be made if, in the opinion of the CBAS Awards Committee and/or the Dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, there is no nominee who adequately meets these criteria.

### **Eligibility**

- 1. Full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty members in CBAS who have completed at least four academic years of employment in the College are eligible if they have not previously received the Distinguished Research Award at either the College or University level within the last 5 years.
- 2. Members of the CBAS Awards Committee in a given year are not eligible to be nominated for the award.

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#### **Nomination Process**

Only electronic submissions in pdf format will be accepted. This packet of information should be submitted from the nominator's email address to <a href="mailto:cbasawards@mtsu.edu">cbasawards@mtsu.edu</a> no later than the first Friday in April . Please include the name of the award in the subject line of your email to simplify the process for committee members reviewing the nominations. The submission should include the following:

- 1. A letter of nomination detailing the reasons for the nomination. Please specifically address points in the above "purpose and criteria" section.
- A statement from the nominee describing current research (no more than two pages, single spaced). This statement should be written at a level appropriate for faculty representing diverse disciplines. In addition to a description of current activities, the statement should address the significance of the nominee's total body of research to their field of study.
- 3. The nominee's curriculum vitae with relevant activities highlighted for work done at MTSU for at least the last four years.

#### **Selection Process**

The College of Basic and Applied Sciences Awards Committee will evaluate nominations and make a recommendation to the Dean of the College. Final selection will be made by the Dean, who will inform the recipient(s) of their award.