

Scholar-Mentor Award

Tennessee Technological University

On the occasion of its 100th anniversary, Tennessee Technological University will present the Scholar-Mentor Award, which honors a faculty member who displays outstanding mentorship, integrating scholarship, research and teaching excellence.

Criteria for Nomination

Criteria to be considered for nomination for the Scholar-Mentor Award are outstanding accomplishments in mentoring, scholarship, research and teaching while a member of the Tennessee Tech University faculty.

These accomplishments could be related to work in the humanities and natural sciences, engineering, business, technology, agriculture, human ecology, the arts, education, nursing and health sciences -- any field of study related to a degree-offering discipline at Tennessee Tech University.

Excellence can be demonstrated in many ways: publications and presentations; performances and exhibitions; music scores, recordings and curatorial activities; citations of one's work by others; evaluations by students, peers, journal editors, referees; internal and external grants awarded; professional/alumni recognition.

Nominees must be current full-time members of the TTU faculty.

Nominations

Nominations must cite evidence that the candidate's mentoring relationships are highly regarded and that his or her scholarship activities are conducive to student involvement and success. Evidence of mentorship could be provided through letters, testimonials and /or results and outcomes. Nominations must also include the names of two faculty members and three current or former students from whom letters of support will be solicited by the Office of Research. Nomination forms are available at the Centennial website (www.tntech.edu/centennial). Only one completed form is required to place a candidate's name in nomination, which should be made by someone other than the candidate. Completed nomination forms should be submitted to the Office of Research and Economic Development (Room 305 of Derryberry Hall) no later than Feb. 13.

Materials requested from nominees

Nominees will be asked to provide the following materials:

- current academic profile, including courses taught and enrollment in each course, research/creative activities, teaching schedule, and advising responsibilities
- statement of mentoring philosophy

- documentation of success in teaching and scholarship that can include, but is not limited to:
 - evidence of mentoring relationships with students and/or faculty
 - student and/or peer evaluations
 - references by peers on-campus and off-, and former and current students
 - publications co-authored by student(s) and the nominee
 - presentations given by student(s) and the nominee
 - involvement in TTU's Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Program
 - past or current involvement in Student Research Day projects
- any other information the candidate believes pertinent to his or her nomination packet
- brief presentation on mentoring philosophy to be disseminated if candidate is chosen as the award winner

Timeline

December 2014 / January 2015

- selection committee convenes to discuss, finalize guidelines

February 2015

- request for nominations announced in Tech Times
- deadline for nominations **Feb. 13**
- deadline for nominee notification **Feb. 17**

March 2015

- deadline for nominee to submit requested materials **March 13**

April 2015

- recommendation forwarded from associate vice president for research to provost and vice president for academic affairs to president
- winner announced at spring faculty awards reception

The winner of the Scholar-Mentor Award receives a stipend of \$3,000, which will be presented during a faculty awards reception on April 24, 2015. He or she will be asked to give a brief presentation about his or her mentoring philosophy and experience at an appropriate university event, which might be during fall semester university faculty meeting, new faculty orientation, Student Research Day, as a prelude to the annual Stonecipher Lecture, or during a new event developed specifically for this purpose.

The Scholar-Mentor Award selection committee includes at least one representative from each college and one or more recipients of an Outstanding Faculty Award and/or a Caplenor Award. The associate vice president for research determines staff support for the work of the committee. The committee's recommendation is forwarded to the provost and vice president for academic affairs and then to the president for notification at spring faculty awards banquet, followed by public release.

Scholar-Mentor Award Nomination Form

Please print or type

Full name of nominee: _____

Nominee's current position: _____

Date of first employment at TTU: _____

In consultation with your nominee, please provide the following:

REFERENCES

Names and address of only two faculty members and three current or former students well acquainted with the nominee's qualifications.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

JUSTIFICATION

Please state why you believe the nominee should receive the award (use extra sheets if desired).

Nominator: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Campus Box No.: _____ Phone: _____

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