

Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program
2009 University-Level Outstanding Scholar Award

Guidelines

- (1) **Purpose.** In order to recognize and promote outstanding research and creative endeavors, the Outstanding Scholar Award was conceived in 1985. The award is a testament to the contributions of scholarship and artistic activity, which are essential to the life of the University and the goals of *Southern at 150: Excellence Through Commitment*.
- (2) **Criteria for selection.** The Outstanding Scholar Award is an exceptional one given only to those who have made outstanding contributions to their discipline and have thus become widely recognized for their achievements by other scholars in the field. The award need not be made annually. The award should not be granted to more than one individual during an academic year.
- (3) **Nomination process.** Nominations for the award may be proposed by colleagues, associates, supervisors or subordinates (hereafter, the sponsor) of the nominee. The nomination should be supported by a detailed statement of the nature and importance of the accomplishments sought to be rewarded. **Nominations** are due by **Monday, October 6, 2008**. The separate submission of relevant **supporting documentation** such as a curriculum vitae (prepared in the standardized format used for promotion) and a list of scholarly and creative activities and special awards must be forwarded by **Monday, October 27, 2008**. Presentations should be identified as invited, national or international, and information should be provided that can be used as ranking criteria for publications. Each sponsor must provide (after consultation with the nominee) a **list** of six (6) referees **external** to the University; the sponsor does not request letters. No SIUC faculty should be included in the list of referees for any nominee. Each referee listed must include name, address, phone number, email address, a short biographical sketch (2-3 paragraphs) and the nominee's affiliation with the referee. Again, this information is due by **Monday, October 27, 2008**. The nomination letter and the packet of supporting documentation are to be forwarded to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean, Anthony Hall 220, Mail Code: 4344, **Attention:** Outstanding Scholar Award Committee.
- (4) **Selection process.** The University-Level Outstanding Scholar Award Committee is to be comprised of an active scholar selected by the Deans' Council, an active scholar selected by the Faculty Senate, and an active scholar selected by the Graduate Council. Three additional members shall be the Outstanding Scholars of the previous three years. The seventh member, the chair, is to be appointed by the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean. Should one of the eligible, previous Outstanding Scholars not be able to serve, the Vice Chancellor will select a like awardee from a previous year. This committee will draw up comprehensive procedures and standards to regulate all areas of the selection process. Amendments to the statements set forth in this document should be proposed by the selection committee for consideration by the Vice Chancellor (VCR&GD).

- (5) **Eligibility.** All full-time SIUC faculty and staff members employed with the University for a period of five (5) consecutive years and who, at the time of the original nomination, are involved in research and creative activities are eligible for the award. Once nominated, the nominee may remain eligible for consideration for two additional years, if still a member of the SIUC faculty or staff. Re-nomination will require agreement on the part of the nominee, to be obtained again by the sponsor. The supporting documentation may be updated at this time. This award is permanent recognition of outstanding scholarship and is, therefore, awarded only once to an individual.
- (6) **Nature of award.** The permanent title of Distinguished Scholar, a \$7,500 award, a \$7,500 account to be used to support professional activities within the next fiscal year, an assigned parking space for one year, a SIUC wristwatch, and a framed certificate are to be granted the winner of the Excellence Through Commitment University-Level Outstanding Scholar Award. The award is made solely in recognition of creative, scholarly activities; the recipient is not required to render future services to the University as a condition of receiving the award.