

College of Liberal Arts

Discovery Excellence Award for the Social Sciences

Purpose

This award is intended to recognize excellence in discovery in the social sciences by faculty in the College of Liberal Arts. Scholarly excellence is defined in terms of the productivity, quality of scholarship, disciplinary and interdisciplinary recognition, and impact of the scholarly work being evaluated.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this award, nominees must be tenured, tenure-track, or research faculty members with at least a half-time appointment in the College of Liberal Arts, and must have served on the Purdue faculty for at least three years at the time of nomination. Nominees may come from any department or school within the College. Individuals who have won this award within the past seven years are not eligible.

Award Criteria

1. Quality and impact of discovery activity, as demonstrated by such evidence as research output, national and international awards and other recognitions, grants and other research support, leadership in scholarly organizations, and citation by fellow scholars.
2. Breadth and reach of discovery activity, as demonstrated by such evidence as interdisciplinary activity, collaborations with scholars in other institutions and in other colleges at Purdue, and impact on the larger world.

Procedures

1. An announcement of the award and nomination forms will be made available by the Associate Dean for Research.
2. Nominations for the award may be made by any member of the faculty, and should be submitted to the Associate Dean for Research.
3. In February, departments will be contacted by the Dean's office and notified of the members of their faculties who have been nominated. The departments will be asked to submit the following materials for each nominee:
 - a. A letter of nomination not exceeding two pages. Ordinarily, this letter will be written by the faculty member initiating the nomination. If more than one faculty

member has nominated the same candidate, or if warranted by unusual circumstances, the department head may determine who will write the letter.

b. A complete curriculum vitae for the nominee.

4. An ad hoc screening committee appointed by the Dean will review nomination documents and recommend up to three individuals (listed alphabetically) to the Deans' Committee by the end of February. In the event that it finds none of the nominees sufficiently deserving, the screening committee may decline to forward any nominations.

5. The final selection will be made by the Deans' Committee, which will consist of the Dean and Associate Deans. A nominee who is a member of the Deans' Committee shall not participate in the selection process.

6. In the event that no nominations are made for this award in a given year, or if either the screening committee or the Deans' Committee find none of the nominees sufficiently deserving, no award will be made for that year.

Award

The winner of the award will receive an inscribed plaque and will be honored during the annual Faculty Awards Banquet. In addition, \$1000 will be transferred to the winner's departmental account for professional expenses.