CHS Awards for Excellence in Research
Office of Research & Scholarship

These awards are designed to recognize, reward and encourage the research achievements of CHS faculty. The CHS Award for Excellence in Research may be given annually in one or both categories:

- Senior Investigator – in recognition of establishment of a productive, independently funded research program that makes a major impact in their discipline.
- Early Stage Investigator – in recognition of a researcher, at the level of assistant professor, who has made and is likely to continue to make, significant contributions to their field.

The award is a monetary grant ($1,000) and an individual plaque. In any given year, there may be no faculty who meet the criteria for excellence in either category.

If the Senior Investigator award nominee also meets the qualifications of the University Research Professor Program, the nominee will be forwarded to the Vice President of Research. If selected, the awardee will receive the $10,000 award in addition to the college award. Should the nominee not be approved by the VPR as a Research Professor, the nominee will still receive the CHS Excellence in Research Award.

Guidelines for submission of awardee nomination:

1. The CHS Office of Research and Scholarship will advertise the awards broadly in the college, requesting that faculty make recommendations to Department Chairs.

2. A letter of nomination from the Chair, to include a description of the research and scholarly activity, along with the nominee’s CV, should be submitted via email to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) in care of Betsy Northrup (betsy.northrup@uky.edu) by Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

3. Criteria for selection include:
   - Track record of extramural grant funding
   - Sustained record of publications in peer-reviewed journals
   - Sustained record of refereed presentations at academic conferences
   - Professional commendations and/or awards
   - Invited presentations
   - Patents and copyrights

4. RAC will make a recommendation to the CHS Executive Committee who makes the final decision.

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