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Call for Nominations

Board of Governors' Award for Faculty Excellence in Public Affairs

The Board of Governors' Award for Faculty Excellence in Public Affairs has been established at Missouri State University to recognize faculty who excel at carrying out the Public Affairs Mission.

The University's Public Affairs Mission

The University's statewide mission in Public Affairs was officially recognized on June 16, 1995, when Senate Bill 340 was signed by Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan. The mission defines a primary way in which a Missouri State education is different from that of other universities and one way by which we educate our students to imagine the future. Public Affairs in higher education is not restricted to politics, humanities, or the social sciences. Rather, its presence is found in all areas that require critical thinking, participation, and the willingness to work for the common good.

Missouri State's Public Affairs mission is realized through three broad themes: cultural competence, ethical leadership, and community engagement. These themes are implemented not only in the public space of the classroom and through co-curricular activities on campus, but also outside the University through internships, field experiences, government service, volunteer programs, service learning programs, and a variety of other forms of community engagement and outreach.

Students will have opportunities to immerse themselves in activities in cultural competence, ethical leadership, and community engagement, realizing the following goals:

Ethical Leadership

Goal: Students will articulate their value systems, act ethically within the context of a democratic society, and demonstrate engaged and principled leadership. (Adapted from the [Center for Ethical Leadership](#).)

Cultural Competence

Goal: Students will recognize and respect multiple perspectives and cultures.

Community Engagement

Goal: Students will recognize the importance of contributing their knowledge and experiences to their own communities and the broader society.

Goal: Students will recognize the importance of scientific principles in the generation of sound public policy.

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Eligibility Criteria and Desired Qualifications

Recipients of the Board of Governors' Award for Faculty Excellence in Public Affairs will be selected from current full-time Missouri State University faculty. They may hold rank in any academic discipline but must have a distinguished record of performance and have been employed full-time at Missouri State for at least 3 years at the time of nomination. Faculty recipients should be able to provide evidence of distinctive work and accomplishments in support of the University's Public Affairs mission.

Examples of evidence of distinctive accomplishments in support of the University's Public Affairs mission include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Demonstration of active engagement with the community for a sustained period of time in one or more aspects of his/her teaching, research and service. Inclusion of students in this engagement is essential.
- A successful record of working with students in enabling them to develop the motivation and skills to become responsible, informed and culturally competent citizens who are knowledgeable about public policy issues affecting our society.
- Utilization of new, creative, and imaginative approaches in making applied research and scholarship accessible to the public. This will include a strong record of writings, presentations or other materials which have made a clear and positive impact on the community (region, state, nation, or beyond) and have expanded the public understanding of some specific problem or problems facing society and its institutions along with a record of involving students in this research.
- A sustained record of leadership in seeking solutions for important Public Affairs issues such as active involvement in addressing public policy, educational, cultural, health, economic development, or environmental issues.
- Good working relationships with community members and organizations as equal partners and in various forms of collaborations in carrying out Public Affairs initiatives. Inclusion of students in such collaborations is expected.
- Effective leadership within the University in support of priorities and projects that demonstrate the University's Public Affairs Mission in action.
- Exemplification of the highest standards of citizenship, cultural competence, and ethical behavior. Demonstration of how the faculty member serves as a role model of Public Affairs and how s/he instills the Public Affairs Mission in students.
- Effective integration of the public affairs mission into his/her coursework as well as co-curricular support of the mission.

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Nomination and Application Procedures

- Candidates must be nominated. Nominations can be made by academic colleagues, alumni, administrators, students and/or community members. Letters of nomination should describe how the nominee meets the criteria and desired qualifications as suggested above.
- **Nominees must provide a curriculum vitae, letter of application written by the nominee and a minimum of 3 letters of support.** The application letter should highlight the nominee's work and accomplishments in support of the University's Public Affairs mission. Support letters should be from those that can speak to the applicant's/nominee's accomplishments in Public Affairs. **A minimum of one of the three letters must be from a current or recent student.**
- Applications should not exceed more than 10 pages maximum, **excluding** the curriculum vitae.
- Each College may put forward one nominee, including the Meyer Library and the West Plains campus. Each College may use a selection committee to vet multiple faculty nominees within the same College or the Dean may submit their faculty nominee. Students should be included in the selection committees, if applicable.
- Faculty final applications will be forwarded to the Board of Governors Selection Committee for final review and award determination. As available, this committee will consist of at least one previous award winner, current class of Citizen Scholar Award winners, Board of Governor (BOG) members from the Academic and Student Affairs committees, the current Student Governor of the BOG, and the Associate Provost for Student Development and Public Affairs.

Award

Up to three faculty awardees may be selected each year. Recipients will receive a framed certificate, recognition by the Board of Governors and a \$1,500 grant to be used toward travel, research and/or other activities related to their work with public affairs within the University.

Timeline

[If a College chooses not to utilize an internal committee to select a faculty nominee, the deadline is March 26, 2018 for the appointed nominee to submit their completed final application to Dr. Rachelle Darabi.]

Call for nominations: January 22, 2018

Suggested College Committee timeline:

- Nominations due to individual college committees: February 12, 2018
- Nominees notified: February 15, 2018
- Applications from nominee(s) due to individual college committees: March 12, 2018
- College committee reviews applications, selects nominee and forwards nominee application to Dr. Rachelle Darabi: March 26, 2018

All faculty and staff final application materials are due to Dr. Darabi/Student Development & Public Affairs: March 26, 2018

Applications submitted to Board of Governor's faculty selection committee: April 2, 2018

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Board of Governor's selection committee makes recommendations: April 16, 2018

Awardees are recognized at the May 2018 Board of Governors Meeting

Please direct questions to Dr. Rachelle Darabi, Associate Provost at rdarabi@missouristate.edu or Stacey Trewatha-Bach, Office of Public Affairs Support at staceytrewatha@missouristate.edu

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