



Missouri State[™]

U N I V E R S I T Y

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. 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.

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.

The mission is realized through three broad themes: cultural competence, ethical leadership, and community engagement. These themes are implemented in the public space of the classroom, through co-curricular activities on campus and 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.

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.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

901 South National Avenue, Springfield, MO 65897 • Phone: 417-836-8346

www.missouristate.edu/sdpa

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution

Faculty Nomination Options & Eligibility Criteria

Each College may submit forth one faculty nominee, including the Meyer Library and the West Plains campus. Colleges have two options for submitting their faculty nominee: 1) they may choose their nominee via a college committee or 2) the Dean may directly submit a faculty nominee, at their discretion.

Faculty nominees must be 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.

Desired Qualifications

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.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

901 South National Avenue, Springfield, MO 65897 • Phone: 417-836-8346

www.missouristate.edu/sdpa

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution

Nominee Application Requirements

- The faculty application packet must include a personal letter of application from the nominee, a minimum of 3 letters of support and curriculum vitae. The application letter should highlight the nominee's work and accomplishments in support of the University's public affairs mission.
- At least one of the three support letters must be from a current or recent student.

Letters of Support may be addressed to:

Dr. Rachelle Darabi
Assoc. Provost for Student Development & Public Affairs
Missouri State University
University Hall 115
901 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65897

- Applications should not exceed 10 pages maximum, excluding the curriculum vitae.

Selection Process

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.

2020 Timeline / Deadlines

January 21, 2020 Call for nominations

Option 1: Nominee submitted by College Dean

March 6, 2020 Faculty name submitted to Dr. Rachelle Darabi
April 6, 2020 Faculty application packet due to Dr. Rachelle Darabi

Option 2: Nominee submitted through College Committee [suggested timeline]

February 10, 2020 Nominee names due to individual college selection committee
February 14, 2020 Committee notifies the faculty of their nomination and the required application packet requirements
March 20, 2020 Nominee application packet(s) due to college committee
April 6, 2020 College committee forwards their chosen faculty nominee and application packet to Dr. Rachelle Darabi

April 13, 2020 All faculty application packets submitted to the Board of Governors faculty selection committee

April 27, 2020 BOG selection committee submits their recommendations to Dr. Rachelle Darabi

May 21, 2020 Awardees recognized at the May 2020 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

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

901 South National Avenue, Springfield, MO 65897 • Phone: 417-836-8346
www.missouristate.edu/sdpa

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution