



OVPR Internal Grants and Awards

Early Career Scholar Award Guidelines

Program Snapshot

Title	Early Career Scholar Awards: Michael F. Adams Early Career Scholar in Arts & Humanities, Charles B. Knapp Early Career Scholar in Social & Behavioral Sciences, Fred C. Davison Early Career Scholar in Sciences
Purpose	Recognition of outstanding accomplishment and evidence of potential future success in scholarship, creative work or research by an early career faculty member
Deadlines	First Tuesday in November
Eligibility	Tenure-track faculty at the University of Georgia no more than eight years after his/her first faculty appointment, whether at UGA or elsewhere, who have successfully passed their third-year review but have not yet been tenured.
Amounts	\$2,000
Questions?	Please email questions to ovprip@uga.edu

Program Description

The centerpiece of the University's tripartite mission of teaching, research and service is the expansion of humankind's knowledge and the creation of new understanding. It is the breadth and depth of such pursuits that establish the quality of a university.

The Early Career Scholar is recognized as the most promising up and coming researcher/scholar, whose trajectory projects remarkable success. Evidence of this early promise can come from various sources, depending on the discipline, and should include letters from external experts emphasizing the impact the nominee's work has had on the field.

The University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc., funds three named Early Career Scholar awards of \$2,000 each.

The Michael F. Adams Early Career Scholar Award is awarded to an early career scholar in the arts and humanities and is named for the 21st president of the University of Georgia.

The Charles B. Knapp Early Career Scholar Award is awarded to an early career scholar in the social and behavioral sciences and is named for the 20th president of the University of Georgia.

The Fred C. Davison Early Career Scholar Award is awarded to an early career scholar in the sciences and is named for the 18th president of the University of Georgia.

Eligibility Criteria

The candidate must be a tenure-track faculty member no more than eight years after his/her first faculty appointment, whether at UGA or elsewhere, and who has already successfully passed his/her third-year review but has not yet been tenured at the time of application.

Budget/Funding

The scholars will receive a \$2000 award and will be recognized at the UGARF Research Awards Banquet in the spring.

Nomination Procedures and Documentation

Nominations may be made by a department head, school/college dean, or director of other appropriate unit. The procedures adopted for selecting a nominee may vary according to the nature of the unit involved. Where circumstances dictate, as in the case of cross-disciplinary research not uniquely associated with any single unit, a nomination may also be made by a group of (at least three) faculty members.

The nomination must be submitted electronically through the [online submission form](#). Save and return is not available on the online submission form. Nominators should have information and documents prepared for upload prior to completing the form. Documents are required as .pdf file format. Clicking "Submit" is a final transmission of the nomination. A template of the online submission form is attached to the end of these guidelines. The required nomination materials are listed below.

The nomination consists of the following sections:

- Nomination information (form entry):
 - Nominee information, including the date of initial appointment at UGA and date of third year review.
 - Nominator information
 - Nomination abstract
 - Reviewer's Qualifications – indicate the qualifications of each person evaluating the candidate in the letters of support.
- UPLOAD: A letter from the nominator(s) describing the work by the candidate and the evidence and rationale for considering it outstanding; this letter is limited to three single-spaced pages. Include a statement that the nominee has successfully passed third-year review.
- UPLOAD: Three letters in support of the nomination relating to the specific work cited in the nomination. These letters should be from individuals well qualified in the field, at least two of whom are neither affiliated with the University of Georgia nor directly associated with the nominee's work. To aid the understanding of those on the committee that are not an expert in the field, letters should address why the work is theoretically, empirically or practically important.
- UPLOAD: Nominee's current curriculum vitae

The material submitted to the selection committee must permit the committee, after selection of the scholar, to convey the significance of the work to the public.

OVRP strongly supports diversity in all its programs. We encourage nominations of women and underrepresented minorities for these awards.

Nomination Deadlines

Nomination deadline is 5:00 pm the first Tuesday in November.

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures

Nominations must be based upon scholarship, creative work or research that identifies the nominee as a rising star in his/her field. The manifestation of the work and evidence of its outstanding nature will vary according to its disciplinary area. Nomination letters and external references should explore the nominee's work, its impact on the field, and the potential for continued success. This work should involve efforts by the nominee while at the University of Georgia, although it can have roots in previous experience.

The selection committee will look for originality, creativity and productivity and for evidence of national recognition of outstanding work. Evidence and rationale should emphasize the significance of the candidate's work to his/her field and comment on the likelihood that the nominee's success will continue.

Nominations will be evaluated by committees of faculty members from disciplines that span the range of sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and humanities and arts. Since members serving on this committee may not be experts in the nominee's field, it is important that nominations be submitted in language understandable to faculty in other disciplines. The nomination letter should also put into the context of the discipline how the evidence and rationale for the outstanding nature of the work compares with typical progress at this stage of faculty development in this discipline.

Award Procedures and Conditions

One scholar per category will be named annually. However, if there is a lack of outstanding nominees, an award may not be granted.

FAQ

Can I self-nominate?

The nomination needs to come from a department, school, college or other appropriate unit. Alternatively, if cross-disciplinary, a group of (at least three) faculty can submit the nomination.



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Nomination Submission Form

Save and return is not available. Applicants should have documents prepared for upload prior to completing the form. Clicking "Submit" is a final transmission of the nomination.

Award Category *

Nominee Information

Nominee UGAID *

This is a secure transmission. The UGAID will not appear on documents and emails.

Nominee Name *

First Name

Last Name

Nominee UGA Unit/Affiliation *

Nominee E-mail *

ex: myname@example.com

Month and Year of Nominee's Initial Appointment at UGA *

Month and Year of Nominee's Third Year Review *

Nominator Information

Nominations may be made by a UGA unit. When circumstances dictate, as in the case of cross-disciplinary research not uniquely associated with any single unit, a nomination may also be made by a group of three UGA faculty members. Select one of the options below.

Nomination made by: *

- UGA unit
- Group of three UGA faculty

Staff Contact Name (if applicable):

Staff Contact Email:

ex: myname@example.com

Reviewer's Qualifications

Reference Letter 1 – Name, Affiliation and Qualifications *

Reference Letter 2 – Name, Affiliation and Qualifications *

Reference Letter 3 – Name, Affiliation and Qualifications *

Nomination Abstract

Summary of work on which nomination is based: *

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Upload Nomination Contents (PDF files only):

Cover letter from nominator(s) describing the work by the candidate and the evidence and rationale for considering it outstanding. Include a statement that the nominee has successfully passed third-year review. Limited to 3 single-spaced pages. *

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Letter of recommendation 1. *

No file selected.

Letter of recommendation 2. *

No file selected.

Letter of recommendation 3. *

No file selected.

Nominee's curriculum vitae. *

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