CREATIVE RESEARCH MEDALS

Award Description and Eligibility
• These medals recognize a distinct, exceptional research/creative project with extraordinary impact and significance to the field of study performed by a mid-career faculty member. Nominations should clearly describe the specific project being nominated and its impact on the field. *The Creative Research Medal should not be considered a “stepping stone” or prerequisite to the Creative Research Award, which recognizes a complete body of work rather than a discrete project.
• Medals are given annual in each of three disciplines:
  - Humanities and the Arts
  - Natural Sciences and Engineering
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences
• Prize: $1,500
• Eligibility: 1) Associate professors or 2) full professors within 3 years of promotion. Must be tenured and have been in residence at UGA for at least three years.

Nomination Process
• Nomination occurs in a 2-step process. Nominations are first submitted to the nominee’s Dean’s office or Center/Institute Director for initial review. Deans’ offices and Center/Institute Directors then submit nominations to the Office of Research.
• Deans/Directors are strongly encouraged to solicit a pool of nominations that represent the full diversity of their faculty and forward only their most qualified candidates to the Office of Research.
• Deans’ offices and Center/Institute Directors will submit nominations via the UGA InfoReady submission portal. Detailed instructions for submitting via InfoReady will be communicated at the beginning of Fall semester.
• Final nominations must be submitted to the Office of Research from Deans’ offices or Centers/Institutes by November 1st. Contact your Dean’s office or Center/Institute Director for internal submission deadlines.

Nomination Materials
• The following nomination materials are required via the submission site:
  • Dean/Director nomination letter (≤3 pages) to include:
    ▪ Nominee name, rank, and date of faculty appointment at UGA,
    ▪ Name of award and discipline area for which the nomination is being submitted,
    ▪ Clear non-technical description of the specific project that is the basis of the nomination and its impact on the field.
  • Three letters of recommendation (≤3 pages each)
    ▪ Do not submit additional letters.
    ▪ At least 2 letters must be from external referees, exclusive of former mentors.
Must be dated within the past 2 years (as of application deadline) and specifically address qualifications for the Creative Research Medal.

- Brief bios (≤1 page total) of the 3 required referees, demonstrating suitability for evaluation of the nominee.
- Nominee’s curriculum vitae in the recommended vita format described in the UGA P&T guide (Appendix H).

Evaluation and Selection Process

- Nomination packages are reviewed by a discipline-specific committee of faculty.
- Recommendations are provided to the Vice President for Research who makes the final selections.

Contact for questions: ovtrip@uga.edu

Office of Research strongly supports diversity in all its programs. Nominations of women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged. Nominators should ensure that nominees reflect unit diversity.