



Internal Grants & Awards

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EARLY CAREER SCHOLAR AWARDS

Award Description and Eligibility

- **Early Career Scholar Awards** recognize the scholarly achievements of junior faculty whose research, creative activities, and scholarly achievements indicate an aggressive trajectory toward an exceptional, sustained research career and an imminent rise to international stature in the field of study. Nominations should clearly describe the quality and promise of the work and the evidence that the quality and quantity of research productivity will continue to rise as the nominee's career progresses.
- Awards are given annually in each of three discipline areas, named for three past UGA presidents:
 - Humanities and the Arts: the Michael F. Adams Award
 - Natural Sciences and Engineering: the Fred C. Davison Award
 - Social and Behavioral Sciences: the Charles B. Knapp Award
- Prize: \$2,000
- Eligibility: Assistant Professors (tenure-track) who have been in residence at UGA for at least three years.

Nomination 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 their nominations via [UGA's InfoReady Portal](#) using the Early Career Scholar Nomination Form.
- The 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:
 1. 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,
 - Summary of nominee's qualifications, including specific examples of how they meet the criteria for this award. Evidence will vary by discipline but may include publications, performances, inventions, awards, etc.
 - If the nominee received the terminal degree more than 10 years prior to the nomination, the dean/director should explain why the nominee should be considered an Early Career Scholar.
 2. 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 Early Career Scholar Award.
3. Brief bios (≤1 page total) of the 3 required referees, demonstrating suitability for evaluation of the nominee.
 4. Nominee's curriculum vitae in the recommended vita format described in the [UGA P&T guide](#) (Appendix H). Teaching details may be omitted.

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 final selections.

Contact for Questions: Internal Grants & Awards, Office of Research – ovprip@uga.edu

UGA Office of Research strongly supports diversity in all its programs. Nominations of women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged to reflect unit diversity.