



## Internal Grants & Awards

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### RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

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#### Award Description and Eligibility

- **The Research Communications Award** recognizes outstanding personal effort in promoting impact and significance of research activity to audiences both outside and inside the university, defined as:
  - Personal, proactive external-facing communications activities
    - Social media presence & following
    - Interaction with news media
    - Other external outreach activity (community, professional conferences, etc.)
  - Collaboration with unit/UGA communicators
    - Proactive notifications of research publications/activity
    - Availability & timeliness in response
    - Cooperation with unit communications staff
- Prize: \$2,000
- Eligibility: Full-time UGA faculty

#### 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 Research Communications Award Nomination Form.
- Final nominations must be submitted to the Office of Research from Deans' offices or Centers/Institutes by **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 appointment at UGA,
    - Summary of nominee's qualifications and how they meet the criteria for this award.
  2. Summary of communications-related activities and evidence of their impact, which may include but are not limited to the following (2-page limit):
    - Links to and/or summaries of external media engagement (including both coverage of individual research and public commentary)
    - Social media activity and follower/engagement metrics
    - Public speaking engagements

- Community engagement & visibility
  - Other public-facing activities
3. Nominee's curriculum vitae.

**Evaluation and Selection Process**

- Nomination packages are reviewed by a committee of UGA communications professionals, faculty and administrators
- Recommendations are provided to the vice president for research who makes the final selections.

**Contact for questions:**

*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.*