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:
  o Personal, proactive external-facing communications activities
    ▪ Social media presence & following
    ▪ Interaction with news media
    ▪ Other external outreach activity (community, professional conferences, etc.)
  o 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 scope 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 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 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):
     o Links to and/or summaries of external media engagement (including both coverage of individual research and public commentary)
     o Social media activity and follower/engagement metrics
     o Public speaking engagements
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.