

Regents' Entrepreneur Designation

Award Description

- The title of **Regents' Entrepreneur** recognizes outstanding faculty members with an established reputation as an innovator and who have demonstrated success in translating their research into a commercial setting. Nominations should provide clear evidence of the prominence and impact of the nominee's innovative research and document commercialization success.
- Prize: \$10,000 one-time cash award
- Eligibility:
 - Full-time, active tenured faculty who have been in residence at UGA for at least 3 years.
 - Demonstrated success in commercializing University of Georgia Research Foundation (UGARF)-owned intellectual property.
 - Preference for engagement and service in the University of Georgia and state/local innovation ecosystem (e.g., mentorship, program participation).
 - Preference for innovation and commercialization activities that have made measurable impact, e.g., securing investment funding, job creation, new products reaching the market.
 - Preference for impacts within the State of Georgia.
- For more information about the Regents' Entrepreneur Designation, please see [Section 8.3.2.2 of the USG policy manual](#).

Nomination Process

- Nominations are submitted through [UGA's InfoReady Portal](#) using the Regents' Entrepreneur Form.
- Final nominations must be submitted to the Office of Research by **November 1, 2023**

Nomination Materials

- The following nomination materials are required via the submission site:
 1. Unit head (dean, department head, center/institute director, or Vice President) nomination letter (maximum 2 pages) to include:
 - Nominee name, rank, and date of faculty appointment at UGA,
 - Summary of nominee's qualifications, with specific examples of how they meet the award criteria including:
 - Measurable impact, e.g., securing investment funding, job creation, annual sales revenue, number of new products reaching the market
 - Impact within the State of Georgia
 - Engagement in UGA/local/state innovation ecosystem
 2. Summary of innovation activity by the nominee, highlighting commercialization success (1 page)
 3. Nominee's curriculum vitae. Teaching details may be omitted.

Evaluation and Selection Process

- Nomination packages are reviewed by a multidisciplinary committee of UGA faculty and Innovation leadership.
- Recommendations are reviewed by the Vice President of Research, and final selections are made in conjunction with the President and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, subject to final approval by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

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