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Call for Nominations for The President’s Award for Excellence in Academic Integration

The 2019 President’s Award for Excellence in Academic Integration is given to a full-time member of the faculty of the University who has exhibited extraordinary achievement in the integration of teaching and research or creative accomplishments, and service. The award was established in 1996 to recognize faculty members who have excelled in all three areas of their professions and consists of a specially-designed certificate and a cash gift in the amount of $3,000. Recipients of the award typically have a strong outreach component as a substantive element of their scholarship. The communities reached by faculty outreach activities are generally those not normally encountered during the performance of normal scholarly activities.

Nominations are being solicited from the academic deans and will be reviewed by a selection committee appointed by the Office of the President. Members of the 2019 selection committee are: Ralph Ford, Chancellor, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College and Chair of the Committee; John Hellman, Jr, Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Research, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences; Gregory Kelly, Senior Associate Dean for Research, Outreach, and Technology, College of Education, and Andrew Read, 2018 Recipient of the President’s Award for Excellence in Academic Integration and Professor of Biology and Entomology, Eberly College of Science.

You may electronically forward one or two nominations to PSUSearch@psu.edu to the attention of Ralph Ford, Chair of the Selection Committee. The nominating packets should be no longer than 30 pages, and should include evidence of superior teaching (including student letters and evaluations), research or creative accomplishments, and service to the University, the public, or a profession. A curriculum vita and supporting letters, from professional colleagues in and outside of Penn State, should speak to the candidate’s major achievements, especially innovative approaches developed by the nominee to engage the public – that is, constituencies that are not traditionally engaged by the discipline. Letters from the dean of the college and the department head (if applicable) should speak to the candidate’s ability to integrate all aspects of his or her academic life with outreach and/or public service. A copy of the guidelines is attached.

The deadline for nominations is January 9, 2019. The award will be presented at the Faculty/Staff Awards Luncheon which will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at The Nittany Lion Inn.

If you have any questions concerning the award, please contact me at 814-863-7494. Thank you.

cc: Selection Committee Members.