

**Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research**  
**CHANCELLOR'S DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD**  
**2021 Guidelines**

**The Award**

The Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award annually recognizes outstanding scholarly accomplishments of members of the University of Pittsburgh's faculty. Up to six awards will be made, with three at each of two career stages:

- **Senior Scholar Awardees** will have compiled a substantial and continuing record of outstanding research and scholarly activity. Nominees must have achieved preeminence in their field as evidenced in letters of support from national and international leaders in the field. Referees cannot be mentors or current colleagues of the nominees.
- **Junior Scholar Awardees** will have demonstrated great potential as scholars as evidenced by the exceptional quality of their independent contributions and will have achieved national or international recognition. Candidates for this award are normally required to have received their highest degree no more than 12 years before the time of nomination, but eligibility for the Junior category will be extended to 13 years this year and next year in recognition of the professional impacts of COVID-19.

Nominations will be considered within three broad categories:

- **Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Related Professions**
- **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**
- **Medicine and Health Sciences**

Each awardee will receive a cash prize of \$2,000 and a grant\* of \$3,000 to support their teaching and research. All persons selected for this award will be honored publicly.

**Eligibility**

Any tenured or tenure-stream, full-time faculty member who has served at least three years at the University of Pittsburgh is eligible to be nominated for a Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award. Junior Scholar Awardees may be nominated for the Senior Scholar Award, but Senior Scholar Awardees may not be nominated for a second Senior Scholar Award

**Nominations**

Any group of three or more faculty members may submit a nomination at [upitt.infoready4.com](http://upitt.infoready4.com).  
**Completed nominations are due by Friday, October 16, 2020**

You will be asked to submit the following information through InfoReady:

- Narrative summary of the research achievements of nominee (200-word max);
- Internal letter of nomination (2-page max);
- Bio of nominee (1-page max);
- Curriculum vitae of the nominee;
- Names, brief professional descriptions, and current electronic addresses of up to five external referees who will be asked for letters of reference. For full consideration, a

minimum of three completed references will be required, but more are recommended. Relevant professional relationships with the nominee should be indicated, but referees normally should not be graduate or post-doctoral mentors.

For questions about nominations you may contact Jessica Parsons in the Senior Vice Chancellor's office at 610-841-6054 or [jbp52@pitt.edu](mailto:jbp52@pitt.edu).

Nominations from the previous year may be reactivated through InfoReady. Renomination will require re-entry of elements from the list above, but a case marked as a renomination does not require new references. Instructions on the nomination site will allow references from the prior year to be reposted. A fresh CV may be submitted, and a fresh internal letter of support can be uploaded that covers recent accomplishments (2-page max).

Individuals may be considered for three consecutive years.

### **Awards Committee**

The Awards Committee is appointed and Chaired by the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research (non-voting). It consists of faculty with outstanding research records from across the University.

\* [Research Allocation Policy RI.06](#)