**Award for Excellence in Scholarship**

The Mansfield Campus Award for Excellence in Scholarship is intended both to recognize past accomplishment and to encourage continuing effort in research or other appropriate scholarly activities. The recipient of this award must be a tenure-track faculty member on the OSU Mansfield campus. The award may recognize a single, clearly outstanding contribution or a body of work accomplished over a period of years.

The recipient of the award will be selected by a committee consisting of the past recipients of this award from the previous five years. The committee will be chaired by the person with the longest tenure on the committee.

The chair of the committee will solicit nominations for the award from the full-time, tenure-track faculty. Self-nominations should also be encouraged. An announcement seeking nominations should be circulated no later than April 1. Letters of nomination should discuss why the nominated work is deserving of the award, describe the nature of the work, and, if possible, offer documentation as to the quality of the work. The nominator should also provide the committee chair with a copy of the nominee's vita, as well as relevant reprints, books, etc. The deadline for accepting nominations should be no later than April 15.

In its deliberations the committee should seek additional information beyond the letter of nomination. The committee chair will contact the department chair of each nominee by letter, asking him/her to rate the quality of the nominee's scholarship relative to others in the department and on the regional campuses. Additional sources for this information might include letters from or conversation with local colleagues, departmental colleagues, the campus Dean and Associate Dean, the nominators, or the nominees. Obtaining such information, at least for finalists under consideration, is critical for the integrity of the award. Criteria that might be considered include (but are not limited to) reviews, citations, and journal or publisher reputation, as well as the committee's assessment of the general strength and quality of the effort in the context of being a regional campus faculty member. The recognized work should have been produced during employment as a faculty member at The Ohio State University at Mansfield. It is also essential that the person selected is clearly showing evidence of continuing scholarship. Individuals who came close to winning the award in a prior year should be given special consideration.

Past recipients are not eligible for nomination for five years after receiving the award. When past recipients do become eligible, preference should be given to non-recipients unless the work of a past recipient in the years since receiving the award is clearly superior to all other efforts.

The committee must select a single individual to receive the award (no ties). Announcement of the award recipient should be made by the previous year's winner at the annual Faculty Recognition Banquet or on some other appropriate occasion. The recipient of the award should be informed in advance by the committee chair. The monetary amount of the award is $1,000.
The recipient is expected to offer a colloquium related to his or her scholarly activity at some time during the following academic year. This colloquium will be sponsored by the Professional Development Committee and will be open to faculty, staff, students, and the general public.

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