

Emerging Research Scholar Award

Nomination Deadline: **Friday, May 2, 2025, at 5pm.**

Submit nominations here: [2025 Research Award Nomination](#)

The Emerging Research Scholar Award honors early career scholars who have demonstrated strong potential for meritorious impact on research and/or creative activities within their discipline. The nominees are rising stars at MSU whose intellectual contributions demonstrate originality, significance, and rigor. The award recipient will receive a \$10,000 research grant, an honorarium of \$1,000 and a commemorative plaque.

Award Criteria:

To be eligible for the Emerging Research Scholar Award, candidates, at the time of nomination, must be a general faculty member with a minimum of two years at Mississippi State University and hold an assistant professorial rank (including Research Assistant Professors who may not be tenure-track faculty). These individuals should have earned their terminal degree no more than eight years prior. Nominees must not have been found guilty or have any pending administrative, disciplinary, or criminal charge against them.

The Emerging Research Scholar Awardee is selected based on the following review criteria:

1. Evidence of early and identifiable signs of scholarly contribution and impact within the nominee's field of research and/or creative activities.
2. Evidence of high quality research and/or creative achievements with potential for becoming nationally/ internationally recognized within the nominee's field.
3. Demonstrated commitment to mentorship.
4. Demonstrated commitment to MSU's land-grant mission.
5. Meaningful contributions to the nominee's discipline in ways that complement the scholarship, such as service in professional organizations.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will be formed by the Vice President for Research and Economic Development to include a diverse group of full professors representing MSU's various research disciplines. Committee members will include representatives from the offices of the Provost, Vice President for the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine, and Vice President for Research and Economic Development. Committee members will also include at least one Associate Dean for Research, previous Ralph E. Powe award winner, and W. L. Giles Distinguished Professor.

Nomination Materials:

- Nomination Form (Qualtrics online form)
- Letter of nomination providing highlights of the nominee's accomplishments, with a focus on the research and/or creative achievements relevant to the nominee's field*
- A minimum of three additional letters of support or recommendation for the nominee*
- Abbreviated CV highlighting pertinent information (10-page limit). CVs are encouraged to include a summary section.

***Note: Letters of support/recommendation are heavily weighted** in the selection process and should communicate the nominee's research contributions to a broad audience, based on the review criteria. The selection committee relies on these letters to gauge the impact and significance of the nominee's contributions within their field of scholarship beyond traditional metrics.

Note: This award will not be conferred on any individual whose conduct has been determined to be unethical by MSU offices/review processes, such as: Research Misconduct, Regulatory Non-Compliance, Human Resources Management, Internal Audit, or Civil Rights and Compliance