

Research Professional Award

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

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

The Research Professional Award honors professionals who have made valuable contributions to the performance of research. The award recipient will receive an honorarium of \$500 and a commemorative plaque.

Award Criteria:

To be eligible for the Research Professional Award, candidates, at the time of nomination, must be employed in non- faculty positions with at least .50 FTE and must have at least two years of consecutive service directly involved in performing research at Mississippi State University. This award is meant for Research Associates, Research Engineers, Research Scientists, Postdocs, etc. who are major contributors to the conduct of research. Nominees must not have been found guilty or have any pending administrative, disciplinary, or criminal charge against them.

The recipient of the Research Professional Award is selected based on the following review criteria:

1. Evidence of notable independent scholarly contributions and impacts within the nominee's field of research and/or creative activities.
2. Demonstrated leadership in research projects or initiatives.
3. Communication of scholarly works to appropriate audiences.
4. Exhibits potential for future contributions to MSU and the research community.

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 Material:

- Nomination form (Qualtrics online form)
- Letter of nomination highlighting the nominee's accomplishments in relation to award criteria*
- Two letters of support or recommendation for the nominee*
- Abbreviated resume 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 contributions to a broad audience, based on the review criteria. Impactful letters are likely to, in part, describe the nominee's individual contributions, how the work is novel and innovative, and how the research accomplishments and recognitions compare to average outcomes within the discipline.

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