

**Division of Agriculture
John W. White
Outstanding Research Award**

A. Award Objective

The objective of the John W. White Outstanding Research Award is to recognize faculty of the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences and the Division of Agriculture who have made notable and outstanding contributions in research toward the Land Grant mission. The contributions can be through innovative problem solving, creative activity, development of programs or contributions towards basic understanding.

B. Eligibility

Any faculty member in the College or Division who conducts research or contributes to the mission of the Agricultural Experiment Station is eligible. Faculty who have received this award within the past five years are not eligible.

C. Nomination Process

- Nomination: A faculty member may be nominated for the John W. White Outstanding Research Award by any department or unit of the College or Division or by another faculty member.
- Length of Nomination: The nomination has a maximum of five pages (single spaced) plus appended materials (letters or supporting documents). Nominations exceeding five pages (for items D2-D6) will not have materials in excess of the first five pages considered.
- The deadline for nomination materials to be submitted will be announced each fall by the appropriate Associate Vice President.
- Resubmissions with a current nomination form are acceptable for a period of three years (the initial submission plus two subsequent years).

D. Nomination Packet and Selection Criteria

The following items will be used as criteria for evaluation and selection of the recipient and should be included in the nomination packet:

1. Awards Nomination Form
2. Brief vitae that highlights research activities and includes a listing of academic training and date of appointments at the Division of Agriculture.
3. Statement of research objectives and how those objectives have been pursued.
4. Description of innovations or successful implementation of research strategies.
5. Description of impact that the research has had.
6. Evidence of recognition by peers and clientele (invited presentations, other awards, etc.)
7. Experience and Productivity Summary in research or creative activity for categories such as publications, presentations, grants, patents, varieties developed, juried shows, etc.
8. Letters of Support - A maximum of three letters of recommendation, including one from someone outside the University. More than three letters will not be considered. The letters should address and will be evaluated for the nominee's innovation, impact and ability to carry through to fruition.

E. Nomination Packet Checklist

1. Completed nomination form
2. Brief vitae
3. Items #3-7 listed above
4. Three letters in support of the nomination
5. Items #2-3 listed above are limited to a combined total of five, single-spaced pages
6. Submit all documents as a single PDF file