

College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) Early Career Research Excellence Award

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Purpose of Award:

This award recognizes CEHD faculty members who are in the early stages of their career (no later than 10 years after receipt of the doctoral degree) and have made significant contributions to research in their field. The award is designed to acknowledge a body of research rather than a single study.

Awards:

- Each recipient will receive professional development funds (\$2,000) and plaque.
- **Two** awards will be awarded each year.
- Each recipient will be recognized at the CEHD Annual Fall Kick-Off Luncheon.

Nominations:

- Nominations will be solicited from CEHD faculty by the Office of Faculty Affairs.

Preparation and Submission of Packets:

- Nomination packets should include:
 - A recent curriculum vita
 - Nomination letter: The letter should provide information as to why the nominee is particularly qualified for this award (LIMIT: 2 pages).
 - Cover letter: Statement from the nominee that provides an overview of his/her research and the work's relationship to the mission and priorities of the CEHD. The statement should address: (a) the quality of the work, (b) the scope of influence of the nominee's work nationally and internationally, and (c) the contribution of the work to the advancement of the discipline (LIMIT: 3 pages).
 - Two letters of support/endorsement: Letters of support provide reviewers with helpful insights about the contributions of the research accomplishments to the discipline. In addition, these letters should address the significance and impact of the nominee's accomplishments. The letters should come from individuals with expertise in the nominee's research areas (At least one of the letters must be external; no letters from former advisors will be considered (Limit: 2 pages).
 - One copy of a publication that is representative of the nominee's most significant research contribution (first author; the last five years).
 - Complete packets should be submitted to the CEHD Office of Faculty Affairs.

Eligibility:

- All CEHD tenured/tenure-track faculty members are eligible.
- Previous recipients of a research award are ineligible.

- Nominee must have been at Texas A&M University for a minimum of three academic years before nomination.
- Faculty members who serve as deans or in other administrative positions at the college or university level are not eligible.

Criteria for Evaluation:

The criteria for evaluation considers the quality and significance of the nominee’s research; including sustained research.

- The research direction should be indicative of innovation which has the potential to encourage further research, either by the faculty member or others in the field.
- The faculty member should have a history of publications and a record indicative of high standing in their field.

Research Award Committee

The Research Award Committee will evaluate and select winners. This committee is appointed by the Executive Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs.

During the review, the Committee may request supporting materials from nominees or individuals to further support the nominations.

The Committee will recommend up to two recipients for the annual award.

Timetable for CEHD Research Excellence Award

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| March | Call for Nominations released |
| April | Award nominations Submitted to the Office of Faculty Affairs by 12:00 p.m. |
| August | Welcome Back Luncheon- awards recognition |