Community-Engaged Scholar Award: Research and Creative Activities

Purpose

The University of Minnesota ***Community-Engaged Scholar Award: Research and Creative Activities*** recognizes one scholar annually for exemplary community-engaged scholarship in their respective field(s) of inquiry.

Eligibility

Individuals with the following appointments on any University of Minnesota campus are eligible to be nominated for the *Community-Engaged Scholar Award: Research and Creative Activities.*

1) Regular faculty (tenure-track and tenured) and term faculty (non-regular);
2) Academic Professional and Administrative Employee (P&A)

Nominees must hold a 75 percent time or greater appointment and have been at the University of Minnesota for at least five years, including the current year. Previous nominees who did not receive the award may be renominated; previous winners of this award are ineligible.

Nominations

Any faculty member, staff member, student, or University-affiliated community member or group can submit a nomination in support of a candidate. Self-nominations are also accepted. The nomination process involves the submission of a formal nomination dossier (see below for a list of required items).

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on the documented evidence of the following criteria:

- Documentation of exemplary community-engaged scholarship that embodies the University of Minnesota's definition of public engagement: *"The partnership of university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.";*

- Exhibits a scholarly agenda that incorporates community-based issues and community-engaged practices within the core features of the nominee's research and/or creative activities;
- Provides evidence of how the nominee's scholarship has resulted in the production of scholarly outputs that have advanced knowledge in the nominee's discipline(s); and,
- Demonstrates positive community or societal impact through the nominee's scholarly agenda.

The dossier must include evidence of the nominee's scholarly distinction as it relates to community-engaged work. Examples of scholarly products resulting from the community-engaged work should be highlighted.

For the purpose of this award, community is broadly defined to include audiences external to the University, and can include non-profit organizations, businesses, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and other institutions. The engaged work can focus on local, state, regional, national, or global issues.

NOTE: Successful dossiers will be made available for public review. University employees may publish information from these dossiers in materials regarding the *Community-Engaged Scholar Award: Research and Creative Activities*. Dossier contents will be publicly available except for information covered by the Minnesota Data Privacy Act. Private or personal materials should not be included as part of the dossier.

Submission Packet

The submission must include the following components, presented in one PDF file:

- **Nomination Cover Sheet (see final page for template)**
- **Nominator Statement (1,000 words)**
  Statement should present the full case for the nomination and a summary of the nominee's distinction as a community-engaged scholar and both the disciplinary and societal impact of the scholar's work. This statement forms the basis of the nomination. In the statement, the author should: describe the nominee's scholarly agenda and how it incorporates community-engaged practices; and discuss how the nominee's work advances knowledge and scholarship in the nominee's area(s) of inquiry. The statement should present how the nominee's scholarly work has produced positive societal changes or community impact. Specific examples should be included. What scholarly products have been produced? How has the scholar's work contributed new knowledge to the academic discipline(s)? What impacts has the scholarship had on the community or the broader society? The aim of this statement is to set out a detailed case for the nominee's exemplary community-engaged scholarship.

- **Personal Statement (1,000 words)**
  Statement should address the following prompts: Describe how your scholarly agenda incorporates community-engaged practices within your research and/or creative activities portfolio; discuss how your community-engaged scholarship significantly advances knowledge and/or scholarship in your discipline and/or area of inquiry; discuss your partnerships with external entities and the philosophy you have about developing those partnerships; and, discuss how your scholarly work has produced or is likely to produce positive community impacts or societal changes.
- **Three Supporting Letters (one page per letter)**
  Three supporting letters documenting the disciplinary and community impact of the nominee's engaged scholarly impact. At least one letter must be from a community partner.
- **Curriculum Vitae (15 pages maximum)**
  CV should include a list of nominee's community-engaged scholarship.
- **Supplemental Materials (5 pages maximum)**
  Supplemental materials might include summaries of external evaluations, news releases, scholarly products including community articles and presentations, links to video stories, etc.

- **How to Submit**
  To submit, send nominations to Amber Cameron acameron@umn.edu

Annual Award

The recipient of the *Community-Engaged Scholar Award: Research and Creative Activities* will receive a one-time $3,000 award that will be transferred to the recipient's college between mid-September and mid-October. Subject to approval of the recipient's dean or director, this award may be used to support research and professional development (without loss of tax or fringe dollars), may be paid as salary (minus taxes and fringe benefit charges), or may be used as a combination of both.

Additional Information

For questions about the award or nomination procedures, please contact Amber Cameron, Director for Public Engagement Initiatives, in the Office for Public Engagement at acameron@umn.edu.

Nomination Form Template

Nominee Name:

University Department:

University Campus:

Nominee Email:

Current rank (if faculty) or title:

(IF APPLICABLE)

Nominator Name:

University Department:

University Campus:

Nominator Email: