

Title: Outstanding Early Career Faculty Award

Purpose: The Outstanding Early Career Faculty Award honors the cumulative contributions of an early career full-time faculty member demonstrating exceptional contributions during the first 7 years of their career. A balanced set of contributions should be present across the areas of research and creative activity, teaching and professional service.

Eligibility: Any full-time teaching faculty with an earned terminal degree (or equivalent) and a minimum of 2 years of service at KSU but no more than 7 years of full-time experience in higher education is eligible to apply for the award. Administrators with faculty rank are ineligible for faculty awards (i.e., receive a Contract for Faculty Ranked Administrators). In other words, only faculty members who have been issued a fiscal or academic year Tenured Personnel or Non-Tenured Personnel contract are eligible for this award. The award recipient must be under contract at KSU when the award is presented.

Award Amount: Each award consists of \$5,000 and a plaque.

Number and Frequency of Awards: Five awards will be presented annually. However, if there is a lack of outstanding candidates, awards may not be granted.

Award Criteria: The candidate must demonstrate a sustained record of teaching, research and creative activity, and professional service. The primary criteria will be the impact and significance of the candidate's work in the three areas, and some degree of integration among them at this stage of their career. The candidate must demonstrate a record of excellence and distinction in teaching, research and creative activity, and professional or community service. The recipient must also demonstrate a clear record indicating a strong potential continuing to make contributions to the academy. Please refer to individual teaching, professional service and research and creative activity awards for examples of accomplishments that might be included as evidence.

Application Procedures: Submit the following via e-mail to **Dr. Ronald Matson:**

- A completed Cover Sheet (see below);
- A 3-5 page summary statement by the nominee highlighting early career achievements in the areas of teaching, research and creative activity, and professional service. Documentation should include a record of research and creative activity, teaching and professional service demonstrating promise as an outstanding faculty member;
- The summary must be single spaced using 12 point Times New Roman font with one inch margins.
- A current curriculum vitae;
- A maximum of three letters in support of the nomination;
- All materials must be compiled into a single pdf document.

Application Deadline: March 13, 2017 – 5:00 pm

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures: The Outstanding Early Career Faculty Award Selection Committee will look for contributions that demonstrate promise as an outstanding faculty member. Nominations will be evaluated by a university committee including one member from each degree granting college.

The recipients will be recognized at the University's annual Honors and Awards Ceremony at the beginning of Fall semester and agrees to be present.

Questions: Contact rmatson@kennesaw.edu

COVER SHEET - Outstanding Early Career Faculty Award

Name of Applicant: _____

Date Submitted: _____

College: _____

Department: _____