

## **Title: Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award**

**Purpose:** The Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Awards are designed to encourage, reward, and publicly acknowledge sustained excellence in research and creative activity by members of the University's faculty. The award recognizes excellence in the visual and performing arts, in the publication of scholarly work, in the completion of research and sponsored projects, and in the development of new and innovative ideas in research and creative activities.

**Eligibility:** Any full-time teaching faculty with an earned terminal degree (or equivalent) and a minimum of 5 years of service at KSU with a total of 10 years of higher education experience is eligible to apply for the award. Administrators with faculty rank are ineligible for faculty awards (i.e., receives 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. Award winners are eligible to reapply once every 5 years. The award recipient must be under contract at KSU when the award is presented.

**Award Amount:** Each award consists of \$10,000 and a plaque.

**Number and Frequency of Awards:** Eight awards may be presented annually. One each may be awarded in the following categories: Artistic and Creative Pursuits; Natural and Physical Sciences; Engineering Applications; Social Sciences and Humanities; Applied Learning and Education; Health and Behavioral Sciences; Business and Industry Applications; and Interdisciplinary Research. It is important to note that the categories are independent of colleges. However, if there are a lack of outstanding candidates, an award may not be granted.

**Award Criteria:** The candidate must demonstrate a sustained record of research or creative activity, and an impact on his or her field of study. The following are non-ranked examples of accomplishments that may be included as evidence.

- Peer-reviewed publications;
- Record of research grants and contracts;
- Record of holding patents and licenses;
- Conference presentations and contributions;
- Development of software, instructional tools, and electronic media;
- Dissemination of scholarly work or creative activities to the appropriate audiences and professional groups through, for example, the presentation of seminars, workshops, invited talks, artistic performances or artistic exhibits;
- External awards and recognitions by local, national and international organizations for scholarly and creative achievements;
- Inclusion of research and scholarly work which results in instruction and/or course development and improvement;
- Involvement in organizing local, national and international conferences, forums, artistic exhibits, galleries and performances;
- Leadership in developing new areas of scholarship and creativity;

- Overall contributions to the advancement, application, or pedagogy of a discipline or interdisciplinary studies;

**Application Procedures:** Submit the following via e-mail to **Dr. Charles Amlaner:**

- A completed Cover Sheet (see below) including selecting the one category for which you wish to be considered; you may only submit one entry at a time;
- A 3-5 page summary statement by the nominee highlighting his/her scholarly and creative achievements in relation to the award criteria. References to the recognition of the nominee's research or creative activity should also be included. This includes reviews, citations, citation index, external funding, previous awards;
- The summary must be single spaced using 12 point Times New Roman font with one inch margins;
- A current curriculum vitae;
- Up to 5 documented exemplars of scholarly and creative achievements such as those listed above;
- A maximum of three external (outside KSU) letters in support of the nomination by people who are not affiliated with the university;
- All materials must be compiled into a single pdf document.

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

**Evaluation Criteria and Procedures:** The Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Awards Selection Committee will look for originality, creativity, productivity, and for an outstanding body of scholarly or creative activities that has gained national and international recognition. Factors to be considered will also include the scope and difficulty of the research/creative activity, degree of innovation and independent thought, development of new ideas, techniques and methodology, and the significance of the candidate's research to his or her field. They will also evaluate the continued active involvement of the nominee and the promise of future accomplishments.

Nominations will be evaluated by a university committee including one member from each of the degree granting colleges. Since members serving on this committee may not be experts in the nominee's field, it is important that nominations be submitted in language understandable to faculty in other disciplines.

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 [camlaner@kennesaw.edu](mailto:camlaner@kennesaw.edu)

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## COVER SHEET - Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Research Category (choose one):

- Artistic and Creative Pursuits
- Natural and Physical Sciences
- Engineering Applications
- Social Sciences or Humanities
- Applied Learning and Education
- Health and Behavioral Sciences
- Business and Industry Applications
- Interdisciplinary Research