

SIU School of Medicine
Excellence through Commitment Awards Program
Outstanding Scholar Award

Advancing the science of medicine is a critical and internationally recognized feature of American medical schools. The Outstanding Scholar Award of the SIU School of Medicine is awarded to individuals who exemplify scholarship in biomedical research and are recognized by other scholars in their field as having made outstanding contributions to their discipline.

Criteria for Selection

All Full time School of Medicine faculty involved in research are eligible for the award. An employee must have been in employment for a period of five (5) consecutive years to be considered for the outstanding Scholar Award. No employee will be awarded the same award more than once in ten years, or more than one different award (e.g., Outstanding Teacher) in a given year. Once nominated, the nominee can remain eligible for the award for two additional years if still a member of the School of Medicine faculty. Nominees for the award should have established an exemplary program of research documented by publication in peer reviewed journals and a record of strong extramural research funding.

Nomination Process

Nominations will be solicited in mid-July by the office of the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs.

1. Electronic submission of nominations will be due on the first Monday of August and should include a nomination letter, curriculum vitae, and the names of six external references.
 - The nominator should provide in the nomination letter a detailed statement of the accomplishments of the nominee.
 - The resume or curriculum vitae of the individual being nominated should include a complete professional employment history. There is no limit to the length of this document but burden of making the case for excellence lies with the letters and the professional history of the nominee.
 - The names of six external referees (with contact information, brief biographical sketch and the relation to the nominee) should be provided.
 - In addition, reference letters should be requested by the nominator and mailed or emailed directly to the Office of the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs by the first Monday in September.

2. The Office of the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs should receive the completed nomination package by the first Monday in September deadline. The package will include the nomination letter, resume or curriculum vitae and the names of six external references with their contact information, along with their reference letters. Additional materials cannot be accepted after this posted date.

Selection Process

The Outstanding Scholar Selection Committee will consist of five school of medicine faculty: the three previous year's outstanding scholars and the chairs of the Research Policy Committee and the Faculty Council. The Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs will select the

chair and may serve as an ad hoc member of the committee. The Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs will fill temporary vacancies on the committee. This committee will establish procedures to evaluate the nominees and recommend one individual as the award recipient. The name of this individual will be provided to the Dean and Provost by September 15th.

Nature of the Award

The Excellence through Commitment Awards Program School of Medicine Outstanding Scholar Award recipient will be announced at the medical school graduation ceremony. The recipient will receive a \$3,000 cash prize, \$3,000 account to support professional activities, an SIU wristwatch and a framed certificate.

The School of Medicine Outstanding Scholar Award recipient becomes a possible nominee for the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Excellence through Commitment Awards Program University-Level Outstanding Scholar Award. The recipient of the University award receives a permanent title of Distinguished Scholar, a \$7,500 award, a \$7,500 account to be used to support professional activities within the next fiscal year, an assigned parking space for one year, a SIUC wristwatch, and a framed certificate.

The award is made solely in recognition of past creative, scholarly activities; the recipient is not required to render future services to the university as a condition to receiving the award.

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