

University of Minnesota President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award

Nomination Deadline: January 26, 2018

Purpose

The University of Minnesota *President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award* recognizes one faculty or P&A individual annually for exemplary engaged scholarship in his/her field of inquiry. The faculty or P&A recipient will have demonstrated a longstanding academic career that embodies the University of Minnesota's definition of public engagement.

The award is made possible through support of the Office for Public Engagement and the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs.

Eligibility

Individuals with the following appointments are eligible to be nominated for the *President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award*:

- 1) Regular faculty (tenure-track and tenured) and term faculty (non-regular);
- 2) P&A researchers.

Nominees must hold a 66 2/3% 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 re-nominated; previous winners are ineligible.

Self-nomination is not allowed.

Award

During the 2017-2018 academic year, one faculty or P&A individual will be selected to receive the *President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award* with the announcement of the award recipient to be made at an awards luncheon. The recipient will receive a one-time \$15,000 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, these funds may be used to support research and professional development, or may be paid as salary (including applicable fringe benefits), or as a combination of both.

Nominations will be evaluated by the President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award Selection Committee coordinated by the Office for Public Engagement and the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs.

Nomination Criteria

Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of a dossier documenting exemplary publicly-engaged scholarship. The dossier should provide specific evidence documenting the nominee's longstanding academic career which embodies the University of Minnesota's definition of public engagement.

University of Minnesota's Public Engagement Definition:

"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."

As an engaged scholar, the nominee must demonstrate academically relevant work that simultaneously advances scholarship in one or more academic discipline, is conducted in partnership with external entities, and addresses critical societal issues. The nominee must exhibit a **scholarly agenda** that incorporates community-based issues within his/her teaching, research, and/or service portfolio. 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.

The dossier must include evidence of the nominee's scholarly distinction as it relates to community-engaged work.

Selection of Nominees

Each of the below-named colleges or campuses may submit **ONE** finalist for the University-wide award. Colleges or campuses may nominate faculty or P&A individuals of other colleges or campuses as well as their own.

Campuses

- Crookston
- Duluth
- Morris
- Rochester

Twin Cities Campus Colleges and Schools

- Allied Health Programs
- Biological Sciences
- Continuing Education
- Dentistry
- Design
- Education and Human Development
- Extension
- Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences
- Law School
- Liberal Arts
- Management
- Medical School
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Public Affairs
- Public Health
- Science and Engineering
- Veterinary Medicine

For nominees who hold appointments in non-collegiate and/or intercollegiate units not listed above, nominations will be reviewed by an intercollegiate review committee. This intercollegiate committee will advance the name of one finalist to be reviewed along with the finalists named by each of the collegiate units above.

Campus or collegiate units must submit *an online dossier to the designated Google Drive folder* **by Friday, January 26, 2018.**

Because each college (or campus) may submit only one nomination, many colleges have an internal selection process to choose their nominees and therefore, may have an internal deadline prior to this University-wide deadline. Each collegiate unit has a designated college contact for the Community-Engaged Scholar Award; departments, faculty, and students interested in submitting a nomination should contact their designated college contact for information about the college's internal selection process and deadlines. For a list of designated college contacts, please visit engagement.umn.edu/engagedscholar or contact Amber Cameron at 612-624-1706 or acameron@umn.edu.

Successful dossiers will be made available for public review and U of M staff may publish information from these dossiers in materials regarding the *President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award*. Dossier contents will be publicly available except for information covered by the MN Data Privacy Act. Private or personal materials should not be included as part of the dossier.

Organization and Presentation of Dossier

Please compile the following items in the order listed in one PDF file to be submitted electronically via email.

- A. A nomination form completed by the nominator(s) (to download go to engagement.umn.edu/engagedscholar)
- B. Summary/bio of nominee's engagement work to be included in event program (250 words or less)
- C. A nominator's statement of no more than five pages (using a 12-point font, one-inch margins, and 1.5 line spacing), presenting the full case for the nomination as well as summarizing the nominee's dossier. This statement forms the basis of the nomination. The author should describe the nominee's scholarly agenda and how it incorporates community-based issues, discuss how the nominee's work advances knowledge and scholarship, and how the nominee's scholarly work has produced or is likely to produce positive societal changes. The aim of this statement is to set out a detailed case for the nominee's exemplary community-engaged scholarship.
- D. A personal statement by the nominee of no more than 1,000 words that addresses the following topics.
 - a. Describe how your scholarly agenda incorporates community-based issues within your teaching, research, and service portfolio.
 - b. Discuss how your scholarly work significantly advances knowledge and/or scholarship in one or more academic disciplines.
 - c. Discuss your partnerships with external entities and the philosophy you have on developing those.
 - d. Discuss how your scholarly work has produced or is likely to produce positive community impacts or societal changes.

- E. Three supporting letters documenting the disciplinary and community impact of the nominee's engaged scholarly impact. (Letters from community partners may be submitted.)
- F. Curriculum vitae including list of scholarship relevant to the nominee's community-engaged scholarship. CV is limited to 15 pages.
- G. Up to 5 pages of supplemental materials (as appropriate). Supplemental materials might include summaries of external evaluation, news releases, scholarly products including community articles and presentations, links to video stories, etc.

In addition, please include in the electronic submission via an attachment a high-resolution photo of the nominee to be used in the event program.

Additional Information

For questions about the award or nomination procedures, please contact Amber Cameron in the Office for Public Engagement at acameron@umn.edu or 612-624-1706.