

USC UPSTATE'S ANNUAL AWARD TO FACULTY FOR SCHOLARLY AND/OR CREATIVE PURSUITS

USC Upstate values teaching and service to the community and state, and at the same time realizes the importance of scholarly and/or creative pursuits to faculty in their various disciplines. In recognition of this aspect of our faculty, we will establish an annual award that recognizes an individual who has distinguished himself/herself by scholarly or creative activities during the preceding year. This annual award carries with it a monetary value of \$500.00 presented to the faculty member. This award will be given in concert with the USC Upstate Annual Award for Outstanding Teaching.

The Teaching Excellence Committee will invite submissions of research and/or creative activities by faculty by March 15 of each year and the faculty member selected will be announced at the same time as the Outstanding Teaching Award. The TEC Committee Chair shall give the name of the award winner to the Academic Affairs Vice Chancellor by April 20 each year so that the check may be prepared. The following criteria are established for the Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activities Award at USC Upstate:

Each nominee for the award is asked to submit the following items:

- I. A curriculum vitae
- II. A portfolio which must include, but is not limited to:
 1. A description of the scholarly/creative activities for which s/he was nominated.
 2. Copies of any published articles (in the case of scholarly work) or reviews of showings, demonstrations or public performances (in the case of creative activities).
 3. Sources of any funding for the scholarly/creative pursuits.
- III. A candidate for the award must teach six or more credit hours or be a full-time librarian during the semester prior to when the award is given and must be a tenure or tenure track member of the faculty.
- IV. A candidate is eligible to receive the award once every three years.

Nominations

Nominations for the award may be made by any University faculty member (including self-nominations) or administrator. The nominator should send a letter of intent to nominate to the committee chair prior to March 15 of each year. Once accepting a nomination, the faculty member must submit the material for consideration and the following:

1. A letter of evaluation of the project from a faculty member not associated with the project but who has the knowledge and the expertise to comment. This letter should be from a USC Upstate faculty member.
2. A letter of evaluation of the project from a faculty member possessing the knowledge and expertise to evaluate but is not a faculty member at USC Upstate.

Criteria

The research, which supports the nomination, should meet the following minimum criteria:

1. The nominee's scholarly/creative activities to be considered for the award must have been performed while at USC Upstate.
2. The committee will place strong emphasis on creativity in the scholarly/creative activities rather than quantity of activities.
3. Emphasis will be placed on the impact the scholarly/creative activities has had on the discipline.

