

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD**

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At the center of the College of Human Ecology's three-fold mission of teaching, research, and extension is the expansion of knowledge and the creation of new understandings. Research and scholarly activity involve many topics in the College of Human Ecology. The College of Human Ecology, knowing that its own excellence lies in the achievements of its faculty, recognizes superior accomplishment in research, scholarly and creative activities, and discovery (RSCAD) through the Faculty Research Excellence Award.

An individual who has conducted RSCAD of truly outstanding quality may be honored this way. The intent is to make two awards annually, provided there are qualified applicants.

Applications for the Faculty Research Excellence Award should be submitted according to the following guidelines. Any questions about the guidelines should be directed to the Chair of the College Awards Committee.

**GUIDELINES**

**Criteria:**

- 1) Applicants should focus on research, scholarly and creative activities, and discovery (RSCAD) relevant to the mission of the College of Human Ecology, conducted within the past five years, and performed while the faculty member is employed by Kansas State University. The mission of the college is *"to discover, disseminate and apply knowledge to meet basic human needs and improve the human condition. This knowledge advances professions, public policies, human service, business and industry."*
- 2) Priority will be given to applicants whose RSCAD focused on a single coherent theme, rather than a diverse body of work or a long-term record of productivity. RSCAD meriting recognition includes both basic and applied research; creative activity that has the potential to impact populations, environments, and communities; and scholarly activities that impact the well-being of individuals. Faculty who demonstrate research excellence in hypothesis or non-hypothesis driven research, interdisciplinary and collaborative research, policy-driven scholarly activities, and/or research generating patents should consider applying for the research excellence award.

**Eligibility:**

- 1) Applicants must be current College of Human Ecology faculty with at least a half-time appointment in the College.
- 2) An individual who receives the award may be nominated again for a different endeavor.

**Procedures:**

- 1) Completed applications must be submitted by the due date set forth by the College Awards Committee.
- 2) Applications will be evaluated by a review committee consisting of members of the College Awards Committee. Applicants for the award cannot serve on the review committee. Faculty on the committee who submit a letter for an applicant cannot vote for applicants of this award. Each member of the review committee will evaluate the application materials prior to the meeting and then discuss the applicants and recommend up to two recipients for the award.
- 3) Please note: The members serving on the review committee may not be experts in the applicant's field; thus, it is imperative that application materials clearly communicate the reasons for considering the work superior relative to other work in the field.
- 4) The applicant must submit a single pdf file, which includes the following information, to the designee of the College Awards Committee by the due date set forth by the College Awards Committee.
  - a. Name, rank, and department/school name
  - b. Title of the work on which the application is based.
  - c. A very brief description (limit one paragraph)
  - d. A description, in language understandable to the general public, of why this work is considered outstanding and the recognition it has received in its discipline. Include reviews, publications, citations, presentations, etc. Funding by external agencies, while not essential as an independent criterion, can be cited. Limit this section to five pages.
  - e. Three letters of support relating to the applicant's RSCAD should be submitted electronically to the applicant for inclusion in his/her completed application. These letters should be from individuals well qualified in the field, at least one of whom is not affiliated with the College of Human Ecology or with the RSCAD project itself. If one of the letters is NOT from the applicant's department head/school director, the applicant must include a statement of support signed by his/her respective department head/school director.
  - f. A brief, current CV (limit 10 pages).
  - g. Do not submit additional materials such as books, design projects, copies of papers, slides, recordings, etc. The review committee will request such material if it is needed.
- 5) Following the committee's evaluation of the applications, the chair of the College Awards Committee will submit a written recommendation to the Dean. The Dean will notify the award recipient and the candidates who did not receive the award before announcing the award to the faculty, staff, and students.

**The Award**

- 1) The award will consist of a certificate and \$2,500 from the College of Human Ecology Foundation funds for each awardee.
- 2) The award will be presented annually at the College of Human Ecology fall forum.