



RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2023-2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline:
5:00pm CST
December 15, 2023

Notification of Award:
February 5, 2024, Via E-mail

Award Ceremony:
Mid to Late Spring Quarter

DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Distinguished Research Excellence Award is conferred upon a Louisiana Tech University faculty member who has conducted research with substantial impact, earning considerable acclaim for both the individual and the university's academic and research eminence. Criteria for this prestigious recognition encompasses a range of achievements: authorship of peer-reviewed publications, securing patents, breakthrough research discoveries, successful external funding for research continuity, engaging students in scholarly activities, and bolstering Louisiana Tech's reputation as a premier research entity. Particular weight is given to accomplishments in the last three academic years. Eligibility extends to tenure-track and tenured faculty members.

The recipient of this accolade will be granted a \$2,000 stipend for professional development and a commemorative plaque acknowledging their distinguished contributions. Award recipients are expected to present a lecture on campus, partake in promotional efforts for university-sponsored projects, including the production of a video that highlights their research's impact and potential, and to potentially serve as a mentor for fellow faculty. This award can be bestowed upon an individual no more than once every three years.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be current faculty members at Louisiana Tech University. This includes both tenured and tenure-track faculty. University administrators at or above the rank of Dean are not eligible.
2. Applicants must have shown outstanding research contributions within the last 3 academic years, along with a proven track record of sustained excellence during their service at Louisiana Tech.
3. Faculty members are eligible to receive this award once every three years.

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Application Components:

- 1. Cover Letter:** A letter of intent that outlines the applicant's eligibility and summarizes the research impact and contributions. (Maximum 3 pages)
- 2. Curriculum Vitae:** A current CV highlighting the applicant's research accomplishments, including publications, grants, patents, and student mentorship activities.
- 3. Evidence of Impact:** Documentation of the research impact, and evidence of innovative research outcomes. (Maximum 3 pages)
- 4. Funding Record:** A record of external funding obtained at Louisiana Tech, specifying amounts, sources, and the role of the applicant in securing the funding.
- 5. Student Engagement:** An overview of how students have been involved in the research efforts, including mentoring activities, student authorships, and research opportunities created. (Maximum 2 pages)
- 6. Letters of Endorsement:** A minimum of two letters from peers, department heads, or deans that attest to the significance and impact of the applicant's research at Louisiana Tech.

Post-Award Obligations:

The award recipient is expected to:

- 1.** Deliver a lecture on campus detailing their research contributions.
- 2.** Participate in promotional activities related to university-sponsored research, including the creation of a video highlighting the research's impact and future potential.
- 3.** Serve as a research mentor for peers and students, when feasible.

Award Package:

- Monetary Award: \$2,000 designated for professional growth activities.
- Recognition: A commemorative plaque celebrating the faculty member's contributions to research excellence.

Submission Instructions:

All application materials should be compiled into a single PDF file. The file must be named using the following format: [Last-name_Firstname_DREA_Application.pdf]. Applications should be submitted via email to researchawards@latech.edu by 5:00 pm CST on December 15, 2023.

Review Process:

- A review committee, consisting of appointed members from the University Research Council and senior faculty members, will evaluate the applications.
- The committee will assess applications based on criteria such as the significance of research contributions, interdisciplinary collaborations, and the potential for future impact.

Announcement of Award:

- The recipient of the award will be announced by February 5, 2024, via e-mail.
- The award winner will be recognized for their distinctive achievements in a special ceremony scheduled in the spring quarter.