



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

INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Industry Partnership Excellence Award is designed to honor faculty members who establish significant and lasting collaborations with industry partners. This award highlights the symbiotic link between academia and the industrial sector, spotlighting opportunities for groundbreaking work and advancements within their fields.

To be eligible for consideration, the industry partnership must have been active for at least one year at the time of nomination and should demonstrate a clear impact. This might be evidenced by co-authored scholarly work, patents, technological advancements, or adopted solutions. A pivotal component of the nomination is a testimonial from the industry partner, which provides insight into the collaboration's effectiveness and results. Partnerships that encompass various academic disciplines or areas of expertise are given preference, especially those offering students extraordinary opportunities such as focused internships, faculty support, joint research projects, or experiential engagement.

All partnerships must adhere to the university's ethical standards, avoiding any conflict of interest or commitment, while upholding intellectual property rights and confidentiality agreements. Collaborations that show promise for long-term interaction and future innovative developments will stand out. Those that stimulate economic development, enhance job creation, or deliver significant financial benefits to the university will be considered favorably. Evidence of joint publications, co-organized seminars, and collaborative presentations will strengthen the application.

The award includes a \$1,000 professional development stipend and a plaque commemorating the recipient's exceptional accomplishments. The award winner will be recognized for their distinctive achievements in a special ceremony.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be current faculty members at Louisiana Tech University, including both tenured and tenure-track faculty. University administrators at or above the rank of Dean are not eligible.
2. Applicants must have established an industry partnership that has been active for at least one year, demonstrating significant collaborative research and development efforts.
3. The partnership should have clear benefits for both the academic institution and the industry partner, including advancements in research, development, and student engagement.
4. Faculty members are eligible to receive this award once every three years.

Application Components:

1. **Cover Letter:** A letter that confirms eligibility, introduces the industry partnership, and summarizes the benefits and contributions of the collaboration. (Maximum 2 pages)
2. **Curriculum Vitae:** The applicant's current CV, emphasizing the partnership's achievements, such as joint publications, co-developed technologies, and collaborative projects.
3. **Partnership Overview:** A comprehensive overview of the partnership, detailing its history, objectives, achievements, and contributions to the field. (Maximum 2 pages)

4. **Evidence of Impact:** A compilation of evidence showcasing the success of the partnership, including shared publications, patents, and innovations that have arisen from the collaboration. (Maximum 2 pages)
5. **Student Involvement Statement:** A statement that illustrates how the partnership has engaged and benefited students, including internships, research opportunities, and co-authored publications. (Maximum 2 pages)
6. **Endorsement Letter:** At least one letter from the industry partner providing testimony to the strength, outcomes, and future potential of the partnership.
7. **Ethics Compliance Document:** A document affirming adherence to ethical standards, including the management of conflicts of interest and commitment, intellectual property rights, and confidentiality.

Post-Award Obligations:

- Award recipients will be required to engage in promotional activities for the partnership, potentially including video documentation of the partnership's narrative and impact.
- Award recipients may be asked to present at university events to share the model of successful industry collaboration.

Award Package:

- A monetary award of \$1,000 to support professional development related to the partnership.
- A plaque recognizing the faculty member's success in building and maintaining a high-impact industry partnership.

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Submission Instructions:

- Compile all required application components into a single PDF file.
- The PDF should be named as follows: [Lastname_Firstname_IPEA_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 the selected members from the University Research Council and senior faculty members, will evaluate the applications.
- Criteria for review will include the depth and breadth of the industry partnership, the impact on research and education, and potential for ongoing collaboration and innovation.

Announcement of Award:

- The award recipient will be notified by email and announced publicly by February 5, 2024.
- A ceremony recognizing the recipient will be scheduled during the spring quarter.