



# RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2023-2024

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## 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

# RESEARCH COLLABORATION EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Research Collaboration Excellence Award honors a Louisiana Tech University faculty member who has successfully led a team of colleagues in developing and submitting a funding proposal for a project that allocates over 75% of its budget to supporting faculty, staff, and resources at the university. Special consideration will be given to those who have created an interdisciplinary proposal that spans various academic and research divisions of the institution. The award seeks proposals that have made a concrete enhancement to the academic or research output of the involved departments and holds promise of carving out unique domains of proficiency for Louisiana Tech, with a potential for consistent extramural funding. Proposals eligible for this award must have been submitted to a funding body in the academic years of 2021-22, 2022-23, or 2023-24. All faculty and staff members are encouraged to apply.

The awardee will receive a \$1,500 stipend to support activities related to professional development and a plaque commemorating their achievements. They will be recognized in a special ceremony for their distinctive achievements.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Eligibility Criteria:

- 1. Faculty Status:** Applicants must be current full-time faculty or staff of Louisiana Tech University. University administrators at or above the rank of Dean are not eligible.
- 2. Team Leadership:** The faculty member must have led a team of fellow faculty members in the development of a project proposal.
- 3. Collaboration:** The project should be cross-disciplinary, involving faculty from various academic or research divisions within the University.

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## Proposal Requirements:

- 1. Submission Timeframe:** The proposal must have been submitted to a funding agency within the academic years of 2021-22, 2022-23, or 2023-24.
- 2. Funding Utilization:** The project should designate more than 75% of its funding allocated to Louisiana Tech for the support of faculty, staff, and university resources.
- 3. Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Proposals that demonstrate cross-disciplinary collaboration across different academic or research divisions of the university are preferred.
- 4. Impact Demonstration:** The proposal should clearly indicate how the project will materially enhance the educational or research capabilities within the participating departments.
- 5. Establishment of Expertise:** The project should have the potential to create or reinforce distinctive areas of expertise for Louisiana Tech, with the expectation of ongoing external funding support.
- 6. Establishment of Expertise:** It should delineate how the project will contribute to establishing distinct areas of expertise for Louisiana Tech.
- 7. Sustainability:** The project proposal must demonstrate potential for steady external funding beyond the initial grant period.

## Submission Materials:

- 1. Proposal Document:** A detailed submitted copy of the project proposal document, including its budget and budget justification, that adheres to the above requirements.
- 2. Team Information:** A list of all team members involved, along with their departments and roles in the project (if not included in the proposal document)
- 3. Endorsements:** Letters of support from department heads, center director or deans of the respective colleges involved. No more than 3 letters should be included.
- 4. Funding Strategy:** A comprehensive plan for securing external funding, including backup funding sources and a timeline. (Maximum 2 pages)
- 5. Impact Statement:** A statement describing the expected impact of the project on multidisciplinary educational or research activities at Louisiana Tech. (Maximum 2 page)
- 6. Curriculum Vitae:** A current CV highlighting the applicant's research accomplishments, including publications, grants, patents, and student mentorship activities.

## Post-Award Obligations:

Award winners will be required to participate in promotional engagement activities, which include producing a video story that details the project's contributions and its prospective impact.

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## **Award Package:**

- Monetary Award: \$1,500 designated for professional growth activities.
- Recognition: A commemorative plaque celebrating the faculty member's achievement in leading a successful team proposal effort.

## **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\_RCEA\_Application.pdf]. Applications should be submitted via email to [researchawards@latech.edu](mailto: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.
- The review committee will evaluate the proposals based on innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, potential for funding, and expected impact.

## **Announcement of Award:**

- The recipient of the award will be announced latest by February 5, 2024, via e-mail.
- The recipients will be recognized in a research award ceremony scheduled in the spring quarter.