



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

To: Deans, Department Chairs, Center/Institute Directors, Faculty

From: Lawrence Schovanec, President
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Re: Candidates for the National Medals

As a part of our effort to increase recognition of distinguished faculty and raise the national and international visibility of Texas Tech University, we have developed a system to prepare TTU faculty nominations for prestigious awards. A list of these awards and a general timeline and procedure for submitting applications and nominations may be accessed at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/vpr/award-ops/major-ext-awards.php>.

Foremost among major awards are the National Medal of Science and the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, described at their respective websites as:

National Medals of Science are awarded by the President of the United States to individuals deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding cumulative contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, engineering, or behavioral or social sciences, in service to the Nation. The National Medal of Technology and Innovation is the nation's highest honor for technological achievement, bestowed by the President of the United States on America's leading innovators.

Information about criteria and eligibility for these awards is available at <http://www.nsf.gov/od/nms/nominations.jsp> and <http://www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/index.jsp>.

These medals are highly selective prizes (at a level of National Academy membership and the Nobel Prize), conferred on exceptional individuals of extraordinary achievements.

Occasionally, TTU faculty members are identified as highly deserving and competitive for one of these awards. In such cases, we are keen to facilitate the nomination. Therefore, we are soliciting internal nominations for these awards to the President's Office through the OVPR on-line nomination website, Competition Space: <https://ttu.infoready4.com>. **Scroll down and click on: "Nominations of Texas Tech Faculty for External Awards, Fellowships, and other Honors."** Click on the "Apply" button on the right-hand side, and log in using the Texas Tech login option (eRaider). Fill in the form fields as required and include a brief justification for the nomination in the details section.

Please submit nominations by November 21, 2017.