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

From: Lawrence Schovanec, Provost and Senior Vice President
       Robert V. Duncan, Vice President for Research

CC: M. Duane Nellis, President

Date: September 11, 2014

RE: Nominations and Incentives for Nationally Prestigious Faculty Awards

As a part of our drive to increase recognition of our distinguished faculty and increase the national and international visibility of Texas Tech University, we wish and intend to continue support of successful applications for nationally prestigious fellowships and other awards recognized by the Center for Measuring University Performance (CMUP), the American Association of Universities (AAU), and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). We have streamlined the list of external awards for which the university will provide incentives to faculty, and have slightly revised the incentivization plan used to cultivate nominations and applications for these awards. A list of these fellowships and awards, the procedures and timeline for submitting nominations and incentives for receiving an award are outlined below and may also be accessed at http://www.depts.ttu.edu/vpr/award-ops/major-ext-awards.php.

Nominations and Applications

The awards listed below are highly selective and are conferred on exceptional individuals of extraordinary achievements. We believe that among our faculty are some who are deserving of these significant recognitions, and we are keen to facilitate their nominations. Therefore, we invite you to consider applying for these awards and encouraging deserving colleagues to apply.

For those awards requiring candidates to submit applications and do not require nominations, candidates should submit their applications in due time; we would appreciate that the Office of the Vice President for Research be informed that an application is being submitted.

For those awards requiring the submission of nomination and support letters from colleagues, it is strongly advised that these supporting documents be requested four months before the agency deadline.

For those awards requiring a formal institutional nomination (e.g., National Medal of Science), candidate names should be sent to the Office of the Vice President for Research for consideration, via proposals.vpr@ttu.edu, and should include the candidate’s name, contact information, CV, and a brief (half-page) justification for the nomination. We strongly recommend that you send candidate names four months before the agency deadline.

Incentives to Award Recipients

A faculty member who receives one of the AAU/CMUP/THECB fellowships or awards will also receive:

1. Up to $25,000 for demonstrated relocation expenses. This reimbursement will be jointly provided by the Offices of the Provost and the Vice President for Research. An advance budget estimate will be required and approved to establish the account.
2. A one-time $5,000 award, to be centrally funded, granted at the start of the fiscal year following conclusion of the fellowship or award year.

Eligibility for the incentives starts with the faculty member declaring his or her intention to apply for one of the covered awards, including notification/conversations with the department chair or area coordinators, dean or dean’s representative, and the Offices of the Vice President for Research and the Provost. Faculty receiving these awards will be expected to provide a written report to the Provost and VPR within two months following the conclusion of the award-associated activities, and in the future to provide assistance, advice, or presentations to other faculty interested in applying for these awards.

This university opportunity does not preclude colleges from offering their own incentivization of more discipline oriented faculty awards. In fact, such arrangements are encouraged, based on funding availability from the units.

**University Incentivized Prestigious External Awards for Faculty**

**American Council of Learned Societies-ACLS Fellowship (Sept. 24):** [https://www.acls.org/programs/acls/](https://www.acls.org/programs/acls/)


**Borroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards: Scientific Interface (Sept. 1-pre-proposal; Jan 8 full proposal):** [http://www.bwfund.org/grant-programs/interfaces-science/career-awards-scientific-interface/preproposalelements](http://www.bwfund.org/grant-programs/interfaces-science/career-awards-scientific-interface/preproposalelements)

**Borroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards: Medical Scientist (Oct. 1; no pre-proposal):** [http://www.bwfund.org/grant-programs/biomedical-sciences/career-awards-medical-scientists/proposal-elements](http://www.bwfund.org/grant-programs/biomedical-sciences/career-awards-medical-scientists/proposal-elements)

**Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program (Aug. 1):** [http://www.cies.org/program/core-fulbright-us-scholar-program](http://www.cies.org/program/core-fulbright-us-scholar-program)


**Getty Scholars in Residence (Nov. 1):** [https://www.getty.edu/foundation/initiatives/residential/getty_scholars.html](https://www.getty.edu/foundation/initiatives/residential/getty_scholars.html)


**Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator (June 3):** [http://www.hhmi.org/sites/default/files/Programs/Investigator/hhmi2015-program-announcement.pdf](http://www.hhmi.org/sites/default/files/Programs/Investigator/hhmi2015-program-announcement.pdf)

**Lasker Basic Medical Research Award (Feb. 3):** [http://www.laskerfoundation.org/awards/](http://www.laskerfoundation.org/awards/)


National Medal of Technology and Innovation (June 2): http://www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/index.jsp

National Humanities Center Fellowships (Oct. 15): http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/fellowships/appltoc.htm

Newberry Library Long-Term Fellow (Dec. 1): http://www.newberry.org/long-term-fellowships


Pulitzer Prizes (deadlines vary widely): http://www.pulitzer.org/how_to_enter


Sloan Research Fellowships (Sept. 15): http://www.sloan.org/sloan-research-fellowships/nomination-and-selection/?L=0%2525252525252F

Woodrow Wilson Fellows (Career Enhancement Fellowship): http://woodrow.org

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We also encourage nominations and applications for the following awards, which bring prestige to Texas Tech University. (There is no incentive program for these awards)

AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassadors Program (agency deadline: April 28): http://www.aaas.org/page/about-aaas-lemelson-invention-ambassadors-program

Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists (Nov. 22): http://blavatnikawards.org/

National Academy of Inventors-Fellow (Nov. 1): http://www.academyofinventors.org/fellows.asp
