To: Deans, Department Chairs, Center/Institute Directors, Faculty
From: M. Duane Nellis, President
        Lawrence Schovanec, Provost
        Robert V. Duncan, Vice President for Research
Date: September 9, 2014
Re: Faculty Nominations for Edith and Peter O’Donnell Awards (TAMEST)

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 have developed a system to prepare TTU faculty nominations for prestigious awards. This effort will contribute to TTU’s goals of achieving Tier One status and exemplifying AAU-like characteristics.

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 in Texas are the Edith and Peter O’Donnell Awards from The Academy of Medicine, Engineering & Science of Texas (http://www.tamest.org/programs/odonnell.html), described at their website as:

The O’Donnell Awards annually recognize rising Texas researchers who are addressing the essential role that science and technology play in society, and whose work meets the highest standards of exemplary professional performance, creativity and resourcefulness. The O’Donnell Awards acknowledge outstanding achievements by Texas-based researchers in four categories: Medicine, Engineering, Science, and Technology Innovation. Each award includes a $25,000 honorarium and an invitation to present at TAMEST’s Annual Conference in January.

These awards are highly selective prizes conferred on exceptional individuals of extraordinary achievements. We believe that we have among our faculty some who are deserving of these recognitions, and we are keen to facilitate their nominations.

Therefore, we invite you to consider nominating your TTU colleagues, as well as yourself, for these awards. All nominations should be sent to the Office of the Vice President for Research via proposals.vpr@ttu.edu, and should include the nominee’s name, contact information, CV, and a brief (half-page) justification for the nomination. For guidelines and eligibility criteria see http://www.tamest.org/programs/application.html.

Please submit nominations by December 15, 2014.