

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

From: Ron Hendrick, Provost and Senior Vice President
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CC: Lawrence Schovanec, President

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RE: Incentives and Recognition for Nationally Prestigious Faculty Awards

The Targeted External Faculty Awards Program at Texas Tech University is part of an initiative to increase recognition and support of our faculty and increase the national and international visibility of Texas Tech University. We intend to continue to support successful applications for prestigious fellowships and awards recognized by the Center for Measuring University Performance (CMUP), the American Association of Universities (AAU), and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). A list of these fellowships and awards, the procedures and timelines for submitting nominations, and incentives for receiving an award are outlined below and can be found here:

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/research/award-ops/major-ext-awards.php>

We ask that faculty notify the Office of the Provost and the Office of Research & Innovation whenever they apply for any of the Targeted Awards. This will assist in budgeting for the incentive program. Please send an email to facultyawardsnotification@ttu.edu to notify us when you apply for any of these awards, or if you have already applied for any of these awards for the coming year. If you have received one of these awards within the past year and have not yet done so, please also contact these offices with an email notification to facultyawardsnotification@ttu.edu.

We also ask deans, chairs, directors of centers and institutes, and faculty to report when faculty receive or should be nominated for various prestigious and highly prestigious awards. Please submit your suggestions and notifications to facultyawardsnotification@ttu.edu. The Offices of the President, Provost, and Research & Innovation may also recognize the recipients of such awards at the Annual Celebration of Faculty Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/research/award-ops/celebration-of-faculty-excellence.php>.

Available Incentives for Targeted External Awards (see list on next page):

- Up to \$25,000 for demonstrated relocation expenses. This reimbursement will be jointly provided by the Office of the Provost and the Office of Research & Innovation. An advance budget estimate must be submitted and approved prior to departing to establish the account through the faculty member's home department. Relocation funds are primarily intended for those fellowships that require recipients to relocate for all or part of the duration of the fellowship, including but not limited to the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, the National Humanities Center Fellowship, and the Newberry Library Fellowship. In the past such support has funded accommodations (rent), utilities, travel expenses, and small equipment purchases such as laptops. Some travel expenses for fellowships and awards that are on the Targeted External Awards list but do not require recipients to relocate may also be awarded as appropriate.
- 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. Recipients should submit a one-page report at the conclusion of the award or fellowship to the Office of the Provost and the Office of Research & Innovation to initiate acquisition of this award.

Eligibility for these incentives starts with the faculty member, **at the time of applying for one of the Targeted Awards**, notifying the Office of the Provost, the Office of Research & Innovation (by emailing facultyawardsnotification@ttu.edu), in addition to the department chair or area coordinators, and the dean or dean's representative. Once an award is received, faculty must communicate this to the above listed entities as soon as possible. Faculty receiving these awards and may be asked to provide assistance, advice, or presentations to other faculty interested in applying for these awards.

This opportunity does not preclude colleges, departments, or other units from offering their own incentives for faculty awards. In fact, such arrangements are encouraged.

Eligible Targeted External Faculty Awards

Incentivized with One-time \$5000 Award and Up to \$25000 Relocation Expenses:

Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award
American Academy of Nursing Fellow/Member
American Council of Learned Societies—ACLS Fellowship
American Law Institute Member
Beckman Young Investigators
Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Award: Medical Scientist
Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Award: Scientific Interface
Cottrell Scholar Awards
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program (Core Fulbright)
Getty Scholars in Residence
Guggenheim Fellows
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator
MacArthur Foundation Fellows
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellows
National Humanities Center Fellowship
National Humanities Medal
National Medal of Arts
National Medal of Science
National Medal of Technology and Innovation
Newberry Library Long-term Fellows
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Merit (R37)
National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Awards
Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)
Pulitzer Prizes
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Searle Scholars
Woodrow Wilson Center Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty

Incentivized with One-time \$5000 Award Only:

Awards Classified as “Highly Prestigious” by the National Academies and recognized by the AAU. These awards are separated by taxonomic field and can be viewed in the spreadsheets located at the following website:

http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/Resdoc/PGA_044718

PLEASE NOTE: The spreadsheets list **both** Highly Prestigious **and** Prestigious awards. **Only the Highly Prestigious awards are eligible for the incentives described in the memo.**

Number of Awards Classified as “Highly Prestigious” by the National Academies by category:

Social and Behavioral Sciences (N=24)

Life Sciences (N=54)

Physical Sciences and Engineering (N=73)

Arts and Humanities (N=62)

Non-Monetary Recognition:

We also intend to recognize faculty who receive awards classified as “Prestigious” by the National Academies and recognized by the AAU. Recognition is non-monetary and will vary depending on the number of faculty receiving these awards. Examples of recognition include a banquet, certificate, letter, and recognition at faculty convocation. These awards are separated by taxonomic field and can be viewed in the spreadsheets located at the following website:

http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/Resdoc/PGA_044718

Number of Awards Classified as “Prestigious” by the National Academies by category:

Social and Behavioral Sciences (N=179)

Life Sciences (N=348)

Physical Sciences and Engineering (N=510)

Arts and Humanities (N=271)

The following awards are also classified as prestigious and will be recognized non-monetarily:

AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassadors Program

Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program

Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists

National Academy of Inventors-Fellow

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring

TAMEST: Edith and Peter O'Donnell Awards

Please keep in mind that the Office of the Provost and the Office of Research & Innovation also offers a limited amount of funding to encourage and facilitate faculty participation in externally funded residential fellowships that are not currently on the Target Awards list. More information about this assistance can be found here:

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/research/award-ops/residential-fellowships.php>. Again, faculty are asked to notify the Office of the Provost and the Office of Research & Innovation, in addition to chairs and deans, when they apply for such fellowships and awards.

Please direct any inquiries about these incentives to Genevieve Durham DeCesaro, Vice Provost for Faculty Success (Genevieve.Durham@ttu.edu), or Stephanie J. Jones, Associate Vice President of Research (stephanie.j.jones@ttu.edu).