

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

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RE: Incentives and Recognition for Nationally Prestigious Faculty Awards

Our Targeted External Faculty Awards Program is part of our drive to increase recognition of our faculty and increase the national and international visibility of Texas Tech University. We 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).

#### Incentivized External Awards and Recognition

There are more than 200 external awards for which the university will provide incentives to faculty. We also have implemented software to facilitate the submission and tracking of nominations. 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> If you have received one of these awards within the past year, please contact us [pat.delucia@ttu.edu](mailto:pat.delucia@ttu.edu)

#### Facilitation of Submission and Tracking of External Awards

We wish to increase the number of nominations and awards of our highly deserving faculty. We also wish to track every national level nomination and award with an efficient process. To facilitate such nominations and tracking we adopted InfoReady's Competition Space software so that you can quickly report and submit nominations in one place. Please submit all of your suggestions (i.e., internal nominations) of faculty to nominate for external awards at: <https://ttu.infoready4.com> (select "Nominations of Texas Tech Faculty for External Awards, Fellowships, and other Honors").

If any of your faculty are nominated for, or receive, a prestigious award (including nationally recognized discipline-specific awards from professional societies) that is not on the list below, please report it at this same website. The OVPR can use this software to run reports on the number of nominations and awards and can send these reports to departments and colleges upon request.

#### Available Incentives to Select External Award Recipients (see below)

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, and reporting the nomination or award on the Competition Space website noted above. 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.

## Eligible External Faculty Awards and Associated Incentives and Recognitions

### Monetary Incentives

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

American Council of Learned Societies-ACLS Fellowship  
American Academy of Nursing Fellow/Member  
The American Law Institute Member  
Beckman Young Investigators  
Borroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards: Scientific Interface  
Borroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards: Medical Scientist  
Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program  
Cottrell College Science Awards  
Cottrell Scholar Awards  
Getty Scholars in Residence  
Guggenheim Fellows  
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator  
Lasker Basic Medical Research Award  
MacArthur Foundation Fellows  
Mellon Foundation Distinguished Achievement Awards (currently inactive)  
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellows  
National Humanities Center Fellows  
NIH Merit (R37)  
National Medal of Science  
National Medal of Technology and Innovation  
NSF Career Awards (excluding PECASE)  
Newberry Library Long-Term Fellow  
Pew Biomedical Scholars (TTU currently ineligible)  
Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)  
Pulitzer Prizes  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows  
Searle Scholar (TTU currently ineligible)  
Sloan Research Fellowships  
Woodrow Wilson Fellows (Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty)

Incentivized with One-time \$5000 Award Only

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

[http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/Resdoc/PGA\\_044718](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/Resdoc/PGA_044718)

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 intend to recognize faculty who receive awards classified as “Prestigious” by the National Research Council 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: PLEASE NOTE: The spreadsheets list **both** Highly

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[http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/Resdoc/PGA\\_044718](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/Resdoc/PGA_044718):

- Social and Behavioral Sciences (N=179)
- Life Sciences (N=348)
- Physical Sciences and Engineering (N=510)
- Arts and Humanities (N=271)

The following awards also are prestigious and will be recognized (non-monetarily):

- AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassadors 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

We also strongly encourage departments to nominate their faculty for nationally-recognized discipline-specific awards and honors (e.g., professional society fellows and awards) so that we also can recognize these faculty.

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**To facilitate tracking and reporting, please report the nominations and receipts of any prestigious external faculty awards at: <https://ttu.infoready4.com/>**

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