

Lida G. Wall Faculty Research Mentor Award

Purpose and Criteria

The Lida G. Wall Faculty Research Mentor Award is an annual honor bestowed on a faculty member in the College of Sciences who has served as a research mentor to one or more undergraduate students during the last two years. The award shall be made in the spring semester of each year at the College of Sciences' annual ScienceFest.

Eligibility

The ideal candidate:

- must be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member in the College of Sciences
- must be recognized by both colleagues and students as being a dedicated, outstanding undergraduate research mentor and teacher
- must have been engaged in an active mentoring research role resulting in student publications and/or presentations during the last two years
- will be eligible for re-nomination four years after receiving the award

Nomination Process

- Any College of Sciences tenured/tenure track faculty member or department chair except Selection Committee members, may nominate one eligible faculty member in the College of Sciences for the Lida G. Wall Faculty Mentor Research Award.
- By the posted deadline, nominators will submit the following items to the office of the Dean, College of Sciences, through their website: <https://www.eiu.edu/colsci/machform/view.php?id=6502>
 - ✓ a letter of nomination from a tenured or tenure-track faculty member of College of Sciences outlining the reasons for the nomination
 - ✓ a letter of support from a research student of the nominee outlining the nature of the research project, the mentoring relationship and the mentor's role in the student's professional growth
 - ✓ a letter of support from a colleague familiar with the nominee's role as a research mentor
 - ✓ a list of relevant information from the previous two years, including (but not limited to);
 - (1) Publications, presentations, and/or grants with undergraduate co-authors (names of undergraduate authors should be highlighted with an asterisk), and relevant awards. Please do not submit a CV.
 - (2) Names of mentored students(s) and a brief description of the period of mentorship and the role of the student in the project.
- No other materials will be considered by the Wall Faculty Research Mentor Award Selection Committee.

Selection Process

- The Selection Committee will be comprised of former Wall Award recipients and a department chairperson from the College of Sciences.
- The Selection Committee will review all completed applications, and will make recommendations to the Dean of the College of Sciences.
- The Dean of the College of Sciences will inform the recipient(s) of the award.