

## Provost's Undergraduate Research Mentor Awards

**Purpose:** The Undergraduate Research Mentor Awards recognize faculty who exemplify the highest ideals of faculty/student engagement in research, scholarship and creative activity. The awards honor faculty whose mentoring serves as an example to the campus by combining a commitment to scholarship, professional, or creative work with innovative and effective undergraduate teaching. Recipients of these Awards contribute to their discipline through the development of their own scholarship or creative activity alongside that of their students. By maintaining active engagement within their field and bringing undergraduate students into the discipline, exemplary faculty mentors leverage their own professional, disciplinary and academic networks to the advantage of new scholars, professionals and creative artists.

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. Engaged Student Research and Creative Productivity
  - This criterion measures the significance of the nominee's student's work.
2. Research Interests
  - This criterion measures the integration of the nominee's disciplinary engagement with his/her achievements as a research mentor for undergraduate students.
3. Student Awards, Grants, Scholarships, Honors
  - This criterion measures the recognition of scholarly or creative excellence achieved by the nominee's undergraduate students.
4. Engagement with Discipline
  - This criterion measures the nominee's active participation in his/her discipline.

**Nomination Process:** Each nomination requires submission of a nomination letter from an undergraduate student. A complete packet will include:

- A one-page support letter from another undergraduate student.
- A one-page support letter from a faculty member.
- A one-page statement of mentoring philosophy from the nominee.
- A one-page summary of student projects and achievements over the past three years.
- A curriculum vita.

**Complete Packets:** Complete nomination packets are limited to four pages excluding the curriculum vita. They shall be submitted to the nominee's college dean's office.

**Deadline:** 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

**Selection:** Each college may identify one awardee and forward his/her name to the Provost. The college award vetting committees will be empanelled by the dean and shall include faculty representatives and one or more students. Members of the selection committee cannot be nominees or write letters of support for nominees.

**Recognition:** The Undergraduate Research Mentor Award recipients will be recognized during the Undergraduate Research Showcase and may be invited to provide a presentation or assistance

in advancing undergraduate research at Eastern Illinois University during the coming academic year.

**Award:** The recipients will receive a plaque and \$500 to support their students' research activities.