

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 Liberal Arts & Sciences who has served as a research mentor to one or more undergraduate students during the last two years. The award shall be presented in the spring semester of each year at the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Awards Ceremony.

Eligibility

The ideal candidate:

- Must be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts & 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 Liberal Arts & Sciences tenured/tenure-track faculty member or department chair, except Selection Committee members, may nominate one eligible faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for Wall Faculty Mentor Research Award.
- By the posted deadline, nominators will submit the following materials to the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean's Office through their website:
<https://www.eiu.edu/clas/machform/view.php?id=13920>
 - ✓ A letter of nomination from a tenured or tenure-track faculty member of the College of Liberal Arts & 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 student(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 Award Selection Committee.

Selection Process

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