

2016 Early Career Investigator Award Nomination Guidelines

Nominations Now Being Accepted

I. Purpose

The purpose of the San Jose State University Research Foundation **Early Career Investigator Award** program is to recognize tenure-track faculty who have excelled in the areas of research, scholarship or creative activity as evidenced by their success in securing external funds for their research, publishing in peer reviewed publications, and demonstrating other scholarly and creative activities, at an early or beginning point in their career.

Two award categories have been created to ensure the broadest participation possible from all academic units. Category 1 awards a faculty member in the Colleges of Science and Engineering, and Category 2 awards a faculty member in all other colleges.

II. Eligibility

To be eligible for any of the Early Career Investigator Award, an individual must:

- Be a full-time Unit 3 faculty member
- Be tenure-track but non-tenured at the time of the nomination (probationary, including assistant and associate faculty)
- Not have completed more than six full years in his or her tenure-track or other comparable independent research appointment
- Not have received this award previously

III. Selection Criteria

In evaluating candidates for this award, consideration will be given to the nominee's history of research, scholarship and creative activities, recognition of outstanding achievements by peers, and importance of the work to the discipline and beyond as demonstrated by:

- a. Extraordinary externally funded contract and grant activity, and demonstration of ways in which such awards contribute to the improvement of the infrastructure, research capability, and recognition of San Jose State University.
- b. Publications in top-ranked peer-reviewed research journals, exhibits in nationally-renowned galleries, and/or authorship of highly respected scholarly books. Please provide specific information (name of journal, name of exhibits and galleries, book citations, dates).

The selection committee will consist of the Associate Vice President, Office of Research, the Research Foundation Executive Director, the Research Foundation Senior Director of Sponsored Programs and two active researchers, one from a college in Award Category 1 and one from a college in Award Category 2.

IV. Nomination Instructions

Nominations may come from the faculty member's academic unit (deans and/or chairs). Self-nominations will also be accepted. Please copy your dean and/or chair should you submit a self-nomination.

To nominate, please complete the **SJSU Research Foundation Early Career Investigator Award Nomination Form** (attached). Enter your reasons for nominating the faculty member and describe the accomplishments of the nominee as appropriate to the award criteria on the form, or submit a letter containing that information with the form (maximum one page, 12 point Times New Roman font). Nominations should also include a curriculum vitae.

Nominations are due by May 4, 2016 for awards to be announced June, 2016.

Please direct nominations to:

Marilyn Dion, SJSU Research Foundation, Zip 0139

Or, scan nomination documents and email to marilyn.dion@sjsu.edu

V. Form of Award

Each award recipient will receive a commemorative plaque and a cash award of \$1,000 to be used at the recipient's discretion. A permanent plaque listing annual award recipients will be on display at the Research Foundation and outside the Provost's Office.

A profile of each recipient's research accomplishments will be featured on the Research Foundation's website and other broadly distributed publications.

Questions?

Please contact Marilyn Dion at marilyn.dion@sjsu.edu.

SJSU Research Foundation Early Career Investigator Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:

SJSU Department:

College:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Person Making Nomination: *(If self-nominating, leave blank.)*

Your Name:

Department:

College:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

College Category:

Engineering or Science

Business, Applied Sciences and Arts, Education, Humanities and the Arts, or Social Sciences

By submitting this form, I certify the following:

Yes, nominee is a full-time Unit 3 faculty member.

Yes, nominee is tenure track, but was non-tenured at the time of the nomination
(probationary, including assistant and associate faculty).

Yes, nominee has completed no more than six full years in his or her SJSU tenure-track or other
comparable independent research appointment. Year nominee's appointment(s) at
SJSU began .

Yes, nominee has not received this award previously.

Describe below or attach a one-page letter describing why you are nominating this candidate, i.e., nominee's external funding received, history of research, scholarship and creative activities, recognition of outstanding achievements by peers, and importance of the work to the discipline and beyond.

Please return this form and a current curriculum vitae (CV) in hardcopy via campus mail to:
Marilyn Dion, SJSU Research Foundation #0139

Or, return a scanned copy of the form and CV via email to marilyn.dion@sjsu.edu.