



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

COLLEGE OF FOREST RESOURCES

COLLEGE OF FOREST RESOURCES/FOREST AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER EARLY CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Early Career Achievement Award is a distinction bestowed upon a “junior” faculty member with the rank of Assistant Professor in the College of Forest Resources (CFR). This award is based on a distinguished record of teaching, research, and service within the College that shows profound promise regarding advancement within the individual’s profession and the College. A minimum of one year of service at Mississippi State University (MSU) is necessary for consideration.

One Early Career Achievement Award will be made annually and will be recognized at the Advisory Board Banquet typically held in the fall. Recipients will receive a one-time honorarium of \$1,500.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a faculty member with teaching, research, and/or service responsibilities (expectations) in a department in CFR/FWRC
- Must have a minimum of one year of service at MSU on a full-time basis
- Must be currently employed full-time by CFR/FWRC
- Must carry the rank of Assistant Professor, Assistant Research Professor, or Assistant Extension Professor

Note: The above criteria will effectively exclude from eligibility: Instructors, Associate Professors, Professors, part-time personnel, retirees, adjunct faculty, and emeritus faculty.

PROCEDURE:

- Nominations shall originate from the nominee’s home department
- There will be one nominee from each department
- The nomination packet shall include: this cover sheet, department head letter of support, nominee’s CV (w/ accomplishments completed since arrival at MSU in bold), and the most recent (up to 3) annual reviews.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The following criteria will be used by each department head in selecting his/her respective candidates:

- Demonstrated excellence in teaching, scholarship/research/creative endeavors, and service
- Evidence of a growing national reputation
- Fostered interdisciplinary activity in research, teaching, and/or service
- Proposed and funded research from competitive sources (ex. NRI, NSF, NIH, USDA)
- Demonstrated desire for professional development
- Evidence of innovative programs in research, teaching, and extension/outreach
- Participation in graduate education with MS and PhD students
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Department _____ Years of Service _____

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Please submit nominations to the Dean's office (lwb6@msstate.edu and cnt17@msstate.edu).

Department Head Signature _____ Date _____

Department _____ Phone _____