**Chancellor’s Awards - Success in Multidisciplinary Research**

The Office of Research and Engagement (ORE) is pleased to invite applications for the FY22 Chancellor’s Award for Success in Multidisciplinary Research.

**Program Objective**

A major success of the public research university in the United States is that collaborators from various disciplinary areas come together to pursue multidisciplinary problems that address grand challenges. Such teams represent a change in culture for universities, which historically have recognized achievements in research, scholarship, and creative activity within disciplinary areas. To encourage faculty to collaborate around major societal issues and challenges, the Chancellor has established an award for multidisciplinary research.

**Award Priorities**

This award recognizes a team of no less than two faculty members from more than one academic college who have succeeded in gaining major external resources and external recognition for their multidisciplinary research.

**Eligibility**

Each nominee must have a primary appointment in an academic unit within the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UT), the UT Institute of Agriculture (UTIA), or the UT Space Institute (UTSI). Nominees must have a minimum of three years of service on the faculty of UT, UTIA, or UTSI.

**Award Terms**

One team will share a $5,000 award, which will be announced at the Chancellor’s Honors Banquet scheduled for Spring 2022.

**Application Guidelines**

Please include the following:

1. **Nomination Letters:** Describe the team’s engagement in research or creative achievement and its significance to the research topic. **Each Department Head associated with the multi-disciplinary team** will provide a nomination letter. Limit to one single-spaced 11-point typed page **for each associated department**.
2. **Supporting Documentation:** Provide the following information for the multi-disciplinary team demonstrating **joint collaboration only.**\* *Full CVs will not be accepted.*
   1. List the team’s research awards, publications, papers, etc., with peer recognition relating to the multidisciplinary project:
   2. Articles in refereed journals (include volume, issue, page numbers)
   3. Abstracts and/or papers published as proceedings of professionally recognized organizations (include publisher and date)
   4. Other, e.g., national media.
   5. List research grants and contracts in support of the multidisciplinary project. Include dates, dollar amount, duration, and source for each.
   6. Provide names of graduate students involved in the multidisciplinary project.
   7. Provide evidence of national and international recognition for the project. Give dates and complete information.

\* Only publications directly associated with the multidisciplinary project should be provided in the nomination information.

**Submission Process**

* Department Head (or proxy) completes the online form, attaching the Department Heads’ nomination letter and supporting documentation.
* Nominations that do not adhere to the guidelines will not be considered (e.g., exceeding page limits, failure to include all sections, etc.)

**Review Process**

* **Deadline:** Department Head nominates faculty member by completing online application by **January 10, 2022, 5:00 PM.**
* **Evaluation:** A subcommittee of the Research Council will evaluate the applications and make recommendations to the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Development.
* **Selection Results:** One team will be selected and notified at the Chancellor’s Honors Banquet scheduled for Spring 2022.

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