Distinguished Research & Scholarly Engagement Award

Purpose

The Kimmel School Distinguished Research and Scholarly Engagement Award is presented annually and recognizes outstanding scholarly activity as represented by current (within the last 3 years) research, publications, professional presentations, and/or scholarly engagement.

Format of Award: professional development stipend (for the next academic year) and a plaque.

Eligibility

- Full time faculty status at Western Carolina University for at least 3 years
- Current faculty member of the Kimmel School
- Not received the Kimmel School Faculty Scholar Award in the last 5 years

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for this award is the Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee. The previous year’s award recipient will become an ad hoc member of the respective selection committee:

Achievement Criteria to be judged by the Selection Committee:

1. Evidence of the advancement of knowledge
2. Impact of scholarly activity on the discipline/profession

Nomination procedures

Eligible faculty may be self-nominated or nominated by a colleague, department head, current student, or alumni. All nominations should include a clear and detailed description of the nature and extent of activities for which the candidate is being nominated. Supporting evidence should be submitted as appropriate.

Nominations may be made directly to the Committee or through the department heads or the dean. Nominations with supporting statements or evidence should be sent to the Deans Faculty Advisory Committee, Office of the Dean, 161 Belk Building, by the deadline specified by the Committee.
Distinguished Student Engagement Award

Purpose

The Kimmel School Distinguished Student Engagement Award is presented annually in recognition of superior dedication to engaging and encouraging undergraduate and graduate students in learning, scholarly activities, and/or professional development.

Format of Award: professional development stipend (for the next academic year) and a plaque.

Eligibility

- Full time faculty status at Western Carolina University for at least 3 years
- Current faculty member of the Kimmel School
- Not received the Distinguished Faculty Student Engagement Award in the last 5 years

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be the Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee. The previous year’s award recipient will become an ad hoc member of the respective selection committee.

Achievement Criteria to be judged by the Selection Committee:

1. Evidence of student engagement
2. Impact from engagement on the student(s), and/or profession

Nomination procedures

Eligible faculty may be self-nominated or nominated by a colleague, department head, current student, or alumni. All nominations should include a clear and detailed description of the nature and extent of activities for which the candidate is being nominated. Supporting evidence should be submitted as appropriate.

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Distinguished Teaching Award

Purpose

The Kimmel School Distinguished Teaching Award is presented annually and in recognition of superior dedication to undergraduate and or graduate teaching.

Format of Award: professional development stipend (for the next academic year) and a plaque.

Eligibility

- Full time faculty status at Western Carolina University for at least 3 years
- Current faculty member of the Kimmel School
- Not received the Kimmel School Faculty Teaching Award in the last 5 years
**Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee will be the Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee. The previous year’s award recipient will become an ad hoc member of the respective selection committee.

Achievement Criteria to be judged by the Selection Committee:

1. Evidence of outstanding classroom experiences.
2. Impact from teaching on students.

**Nomination procedures**

Eligible faculty may be self-nominated or nominated by a colleague, department head, current student, or alumni. All nominations should include a clear and detailed description of the nature and extent of activities for which the candidate is being nominated. Supporting evidence should be submitted as appropriate.

Nominations may be made directly to the Committee or through the department heads or the dean. Nominations with supporting statements or evidence should be sent to the Deans Faculty Advisory Committee, Office of the Dean, 161 Belk Building, by the deadline specified by the Committee.

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**Award for Excellence in Mentoring and Advising**

**Purpose**

The Kimmel School Award for Excellence in Mentoring and Advising is presented annually and honors members of our community, who, over the years, through excellence in mentoring and advising have nurtured and guided students and colleagues.

Format of Award: professional development stipend (for the next academic year) and a plaque.

**Eligibility**

- Full time faculty status at Western Carolina University for at least 3 years
- Current faculty member of the Kimmel School
- Not received the Kimmel School Faculty Advising Award in the last 5 years

**Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee will be the Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee. The previous year’s award recipient will become an ad hoc member of the respective selection committee.

Achievement Criteria to be judged by the Selection Committee:

1. Evidence of outstanding advising experiences
2. Impact from advising on students.

**Nomination procedures**

Eligible faculty may be self-nominated or nominated by a colleague, department head, current student, or alumni. All nominations should include a clear and detailed description of the nature and extent of activities for which the candidate is being nominated. Supporting evidence should be submitted as appropriate.
Nominations may be made directly to the Committee or through the department heads or the dean. Nominations with supporting statements or evidence should be sent to the Deans Faculty Advisory Committee, Office of the Dean, 161 Belk Building, by the deadline specified by the Committee.

**Outstanding Early-Career Faculty Award**

**Purpose**

The Kimmel School Early-Career Faculty Award is designed to recognize the achievements of junior faculty who have devoted considerable time to the teaching, engagement, research and service missions of the University. This award is given to junior faculty members who show promise of achieving great distinction as scholars.

Format of Award: professional development stipend (for the next academic year) and a plaque.

**Eligibility**

- All untenured, full-time tenure-track Kimmel School faculty, particularly those in their first, second, and third years of the tenure track, are urged to apply, and self-nominations are welcome.
- Candidates must have been at Western Carolina University for at least one academic year and demonstrate commitment to all four areas of teaching, research, engagement, and service.
- Not a previous recipient of the Early Career Faculty Award.

**Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee is the Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee. The previous year’s award recipient will become an ad hoc member of the respective selection committee.

**Nomination procedures**

Eligible faculty may be self-nominated or nominated by a colleague, department head, current student, or alumni. All nominations should include a clear and detailed description of the nature and extent of activities for which the candidate is being nominated. Supporting evidence should be submitted as appropriate.

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**George Reeser Outstanding Faculty Award**

**Purpose:**

The Kimmel School George Reeser Outstanding Faculty Award is not presented annually. It is a special award that recognizes a tenured faculty member who has a demonstrated record of superior accomplishments in teaching, research, knowledge integration, and public service over many years as a faculty member in the Kimmel School. This award is made by the Dean of the Kimmel School upon the recommendation of the Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee.