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Thomas Jefferson Award

Description

The Thomas Jefferson Award recognizes faculty who rise above excellence and demonstrate clear distinction in teaching, research, writing, creative activities and service to the University of Missouri System and humankind.

Number of awards and award amounts

There will be up to one \$10,000 award, less applicable taxes. The award also includes the Thomas Jefferson Cup.

Who is eligible to be nominated?

Any faculty member, active or emeritus, associated with one of the universities for at least ten years may be nominated. The award will be given annually.

Who may nominate?

Candidates may be nominated by any benefits-eligible faculty member or administrator.

Selection Committee

Representatives from each campus will be appointed by the provost.

Timeline for Awards

- Call for nominations: November 1, 2021
- Nomination deadline: January 17, 2022

Requirements for Submission

Name _____ Employee ID _____

Title _____

Department _____

Campus Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Date joined University _____ Date of Highest Degree Awarded _____



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Criteria

The Thomas Jefferson Award, funded through a grant from the Robert Earl McConnell Foundation, honors a member of the University of Missouri System community who, through personal influence and performance of duty in teaching, writing and scholarship, character and influence, devotion and loyalty to the University, best exemplifies the principles and ideals of Thomas Jefferson. For example, Jefferson encouraged competition among ideas; rejected superstition in favor of a scientific and rational world view; believed that society and government should be tolerant of differences; supported free public education and the application of knowledge to the solution of public problems; and was devoted to free expression. In light of its stated purpose, the Thomas Jefferson Award recognizes individuals who rise above excellence and demonstrate clear distinction in teaching, research, writing, creative activities and service to the University of Missouri System and humankind.

The nomination packet shall include in the following order:

1. The completed cover sheet.
 2. A letter of support from the nominator. Limit: two pages.
 3. A statement from the nominee providing additional or clarifying information to strengthen the nomination. Limit: 500 words.
 4. A CV of five pages or less emphasizing material relevant to the award.
 5. Up to five additional letters of support which may include external referees. Limit: two pages each.
- ✓ Do not scan transmittal letter or title pages between the above sections.
 - ✓ Materials utilizing font size smaller than 10 point will not be accepted.

Nominee's statement regarding guidelines

I understand that if the page limit on my CV or the word limit on my statement is exceeded, this nomination will be returned without consideration.

Signature of nominee _____

Department Chair's statement

To the best of my knowledge, _____ has complied with all of their faculty obligations, and is not currently the subject of any pending investigations or processes under the Collected Rules and Regulations.

Signature of department chair _____

Equity and Nondiscrimination

To the best of my knowledge after due diligence review, this nominee:

- Has not been found responsible for violation of the University's equity and nondiscrimination rules ([CRR Chapter 600](#)) and is not currently involved as a respondent in proceedings under those rules. I am not otherwise aware of information to indicate that providing a President's Award to this individual would reasonably be viewed as undermining the University's commitment to excellence, diversity and inclusion.



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- Is currently a Respondent in a pending investigation for allegedly violating or has previously been found responsible for violating the University's equity and nondiscrimination rules ([CRR Chapter 600](#)). Given the current state, further review of the application is recommended to ascertain if providing the President's Award to this individual would reasonably be viewed as undermining the University's commitment to excellence, diversity and inclusion. Please explain the findings:

Approval Date: _____ Signature (Office of Civil Rights & Title IX representative): _____

Submission Instructions

Please scan the signed nomination packet in the correct order and submit electronically to your provost's office with a courtesy copy to the nominee's chair or administrative head. The provost office will forward to the UM Office of Academic Affairs.

Name the file as follows: 2022TJAwdLastFirst.pdf (e.g., 2022TJAwdDoeJane.pdf)