

2009 Rowan University Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities Awards

The Research Office announces the 2009 competition for three awards for excellence in research, scholarly and/or creative activities (hereafter abbreviated as “research”) by faculty and students. All nominations will be judged by the University Senate Research Committee and the Associate Provost for Research. **The awards will be presented as part of the campus award ceremony to be held during Rowan Day on Friday, 17 April 2009 at 11:00 AM in the Boyd Recital Hall in Wilson Hall.**

Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research (\$500)

This award recognizes research achievements by undergraduate student(s) who is/are accepted in their chosen major or program. Also, students must be in attendance at the University from 2 September 2008 to 9 May 2009.

The award is for a single project or for a series of projects that demonstrate the student’s skills in planning, conducting, and disseminating research. An individual student or a group of students working on the same project may be nominated. Students must be nominated by a faculty member.

Award criteria are:

1. Originality: is the project at the forefront of the applicant’s professional field?
2. Impact: is there potential for the project to result in a significant advancement in the applicant’s field of interest?
3. Quality: is the research work presented with appropriate technical content, style and language?

The application package will be completed electronically and will consist of:

1. A letter of nomination from a faculty member;
2. A student-written one to two-page summary of their research;
3. A student-written one-page biographical sketch (per student, if a team is nominated) that includes a description of their role in the research, the impact of the research on their knowledge and skills, and their future goals.

The entire application must be submitted by the nominating faculty member electronically in Word document format to Karen Heiser at heiser@rowan.edu no later than Noon ET on Friday, 27 March 2009.

Award for Excellence in Graduate Research (\$500)

This award is for achievements in research as a graduate student. Students must be in attendance at the University from 2 September 2008 to 9 May 2009.

The award is for a single project or for a series of projects that demonstrate the student's skills in planning, conducting, and disseminating research. An individual student or a group of students working on the same project may be nominated. Students must be nominated by a faculty member.

Award criteria are:

1. Originality: is the project at the forefront of the applicant's professional field?
2. Impact: is there potential for the project to result in a significant advancement in the applicant's field of interest?
3. Quality: is the research work presented with appropriate technical content, style and language?

The application package will be completed electronically and will consist of:

1. A letter of nomination from a faculty member;
2. A student-written one to two-page summary of their research;
3. A student-written one-page biographical sketch (per student, if a team is nominated) that includes a description of their role in the research, the impact of the research on their knowledge and skills, and their future goals.

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Rowan University Research Achievement Award (\$2,000)

This award is for full-time faculty members for their outstanding achievements in research activity, either for a specific project or for a body of work accumulated over multiple years. An individual or a group of faculty members working on the same project may be nominated. The awardee(s) must be employed by Rowan University at the time of the award presentation (i.e., 17 April 2009).

Award criteria are:

1. Quality: has the project resulted in a significant advancement in the applicant's field of interest?

2. Institutional impact: has this research included students and/or been applied in the classroom?
3. Recognition: have publications in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at professional society meetings, and/or honors and awards resulted from this work?

The application package will be completed electronically and will consist of:

1. A letter of nomination from another faculty member or administrator, addressing the evaluation criteria listed above;
2. A letter of support from the nominee's college dean(s);
3. A nominee-written one to two-page summary of their research activity, addressing the criteria listed above;
4. A two-page resume from each nominee.

The entire application must be submitted by the nominator electronically in Word document format to Karen Heiser at heiser@rowan.edu no later than Noon ET on Friday, 27 March 2009.

For questions or additional information, contact: Karen Heiser, Office of the Associate Provost for Research, at heiser@rowan.edu or Dr. Gautam Pillay, Associate Provost for Research, at pillay@rowan.edu or call 856-256-5150.