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TO: UF/IFAS Faculty
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SUBJECT: Call for nominations - 2017 UFRF Professorship Awards

We have just received official notification that the Research Professorship awards sponsored by the University of Florida Research Foundation (UFRF) will be made for 2017. Nominations of faculty are to be made by Department Chairs and Center Directors. We will appoint an advisory committee of past UFRF research professors to evaluate the nominees. Based on input received from that committee, IFAS nominations will be selected and forwarded to the Vice President for Research by the IFAS Dean for Research.

The nomination packets should include:

1. A completed UFRF application form (see link on page 3).
2. A signed supporting letter from the Unit Leader documenting the candidate's standing in his/her field (PDF file).
3. A one-page lay abstract by the candidate that details her/his recent accomplishments and current research agenda (Microsoft Word format preferred).
4. A current curriculum vitae.

The eligible pool includes all Full-time Associate, Full, and Distinguished Professors who are tenured at the time of the award and have been employed by the University of Florida for at least five years (as of May 1 in the year of nomination). Eminent Scholars are not eligible for this award. The eligibility criteria for the candidates and documents required by the Office of Research for the nomination process is attached. Note: This award is based on performance over the most recent five years of work.

Please consider nominating a faculty member from your Unit for this important award. One faculty member from each unit may be nominated. Please contact your selected faculty and have them prepare their application for your review and approval. Attached is additional information regarding the nomination process.

All application material must be submitted by email to UFRFProfessorship@ifas.ufl.edu by Wednesday, February 15th, 2017.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
RESEARCH FOUNDATION PROFESSORSHIP
Selection Criteria for 2017

University of Florida Research Foundation (UFRF) Professorships are awarded to tenured faculty members who have a distinguished current record of research. The purpose of these awards is to recognize recent contributions and to provide incentives for continued excellence in research.

The primary selection criteria will include a) the professor's performance in the past five years and b) evidence of a strong research agenda that is likely to lead to continuing distinction in the professor's field.

UFRF Professorships are open to tenured faculty, subject to the eligibility requirements below.

Funds in the University of Florida Research Foundation are earned from royalties and fees on intellectual property, retained indirect costs from certain corporate contracts and grants, and investment income. These awards involve no state funds.

PROFESSORSHIP TERMS

- Each three-year UFRF Professorship includes a:
 - \$5,000 annual salary supplement
 - \$3,000 grant to support research, to be awarded in year one of the three-year tenure of this professorship.
- A maximum of 34 new awards are awarded annually.
- Nominations are invited in early January, for submission in March.
- Awards are made in May.

ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time Associate, Full, and Distinguished Professors, who are tenured at the time of the award and who have been on the UF faculty for at least five years (as of May 1 in the year of nomination), are eligible. Part-time Associate or Full Professors are not eligible.
- Faculty members are eligible for re-nomination following a two-year hiatus after holding a Research Foundation Professorship. For example: A faculty member who received a Professorship in 2012 would hold the award for three years: May 2012-May 2013, May 2013-May 2014, and May 2014-May 2015. Following a two-year hiatus (May 2015-May 2016 and May 2016-May 2017), the individual would be eligible for re-nomination in 2017.

NOMINATION

- Candidates must be nominated by their Department Chairs. Department Chairs are nominated by their College Deans. Deans (all levels) are not eligible.
- Each dean will be notified of the total number of awards available, which is proportional to the number of tenured faculty eligible for the award (as established in the first year of the initial three-year cycle, which began in 1996-1997).

CRITERIA

- Candidates must have a distinguished current research program that places them among the leaders in their discipline. This is measured over the most recent five academic years. All candidates must demonstrate an active current research program that is likely to lead to continuing distinction in their field.
- This standing must be demonstrated by objective measures of research performance that are appropriate to their discipline and so recognized by their peers. Examples of such criteria are:

- Publication in leading scholarly journals in the field.
- Monographs or other scholarly works.
- Citation analysis, where appropriate.
- Awards in their field, e.g., best paper, personal recognitions.
- Evidence of consistent external funding, where appropriate.
- Evidence of development of intellectual property, where appropriate.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH:

- Once the UFRF nominees are selected by the college, please send the following documents for each nominee to the Office of Research (Attn: McKenzie O’Leary, UFRFnomination@research.ufl.edu). Applications must be submitted by the office of the Dean.
- A completed UFRF application form (http://research.ufl.edu/research-program-development/research_program_development_docs/UFRF_app.pdf).
- A signed supporting letter from the Department Chair that documents the candidate’s standing in his/her field. (May be sent as a PDF file.)
- A one-page lay abstract by the candidate that details his/her recent accomplishments and current research agenda. (Microsoft Word file format preferred.)
- A curriculum vitae.

EXPECTATIONS ON COMPLETION OF PROFESSORSHIP TERM

- Persons holding this award must provide a short report to the Vice President for Research (three-page maximum) reviewing their accomplishments during the period they held the award and expectations for the future.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

Applications are due to the Office of Research by **5:00 pm on March 17, 2017**.

QUESTIONS

Please direct all questions to UFRFnomination@research.ufl.edu.