**WVSU Distinguished Scholar Award**

Award Description: The WVSU Distinguished Scholar Award honors Faculty for extraordinary contributions to the University through excellence in research, scholarship, and creative activities. The award is given for scholarship accessible to a national scholarly audience in the individual’s own discipline.

Award Criteria: The WVSU Research and Scholarly Activity Award honorees will be selected in accordance to the following criteria:

* Eligible work includes research and publications, as well as creative and artistic works that have some type of physical representation (i.e. recording) and is accessible to a state, regional, national, or scholarly audience in the individual’s own discipline.
* The nominee’s work has been completed during the Faculty member’s tenure at WVSU.

Standards of Excellence:

* The nominee’s work is accessible to a state, regional, national, and international scholarly audience in the individual’s own discipline;
* The nominee’s work has been presented, or cited, in national or international venues, such as professional conferences, scholarly publications, peer reviewed journals, installations, performances, or exhibits;
* The nominee’s work has contributed to the advancement of knowledge and/or creative endeavor in his or her field in general;
* The nominee’s work has had an impact on the Faculty member’s program specifically;

Eligibility: To be nominated for the award, the faculty member must meet the following criteria:

* The nominee must be a full-time faculty member of the WVSU faculty;
* The nominee must have taught at the University in a full-time faculty position for a minimum of three years;
* The nominee may not have received the award in the last five years
* The nominee must meet the award criteria and standards of excellence.

Nomination and Selection Process:

* All faculty, staff, students, parents, administrators, and alumni are encouraged to nominate faculty members who have met the requirements for the award;
* Nomination letters (2 pages maximum) must be submitted to the Awards Committee at facultyawards@wvstateu.edu
* Nominees will be notified by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and those who wish to be considered further must accept the nomination in writing and submit the following areas for evaluation to the Executive Committee by the date specified:
  + Curriculum Vitae
  + Written statement which provides an overview of the nominee’s research or creative activity, explains its impact on the field, how it meets the above-listed standards of excellence for the award. This statement should highlight the accomplishments from the previous year. (2 page max)
  + Names and contact information of 2 external evaluators who are scholars in the nominee’s discipline. One of these external evaluators should be an off campus scholar. Evaluators must identify their own involvement and be in a position in the field, as well as their relationship to the nominee, and offer a judgment regarding scope, reputation, and influence of the nominee’s scholarship
  + Supporting material (up to 2 examples)
* Complete nomination packets are reviewed by the Awards Committee
* The award will be given out at the August General Faculty Meeting
* The 5 most recent recipients of the award comprise the rolling members of the selection committee.

Nomination Due Date: February 15, 2020

Application Due Date: March 15, 2020