

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
The Honor Society of Agriculture

NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR AWARDS PRESENTED IN THE FALL

This document contains the Fall nomination procedures for the following Gamma Sigma Delta Awards:

- 1) Faculty Team Award
- 2) Excellence in Teaching Award
- 3) Excellence in Extension Award
- 4) Excellence in Research Award
- 5) Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award
- 6) Alumni Award

Please note that, according to our bylaws, no individual shall be honored with more than one award in any one year and no individual shall receive the same award twice within any five-year period. A listing of all past award recipients is included as well as posted on the GSD website at the direct URL below.

http://www.agriculture.utk.edu/gsd/awards_merit.htm

All nomination packets are due by the close of business on October 23, 2009.

**Send nominations to:
GSD Awards Committee
Office of the Dean, 125 Morgan Hall.**



Faculty Team Award

Awarded to each member of a team of two or more faculty that has made an outstanding contribution to research, teaching, and/or extension, either directly or indirectly, related to agriculture and related disciplines. **Please note that "teams" comprised of one faculty member and his/her graduate students, do not qualify for this award.**

Nomination Procedures:

1. A primary nomination letter (2-page maximum) that includes a brief description of the team and a good overview of the team's activities and the impact of their efforts on agriculture and/or its related fields.
2. One to three supporting letters from colleagues or other professionals who are not members of the team. If a Department Head does not write the primary nomination letter, a letter from at least one Department Head of one of the team members should be included as one of the supporting letters.
3. Up to six letters from students, clients, and/or non-faculty stakeholders should be included and reflect evaluations of the team activities.
4. An abbreviated vita for each team member (2-page maximum).
5. A narrative (2-page maximum) describing the work and accomplishments of the nominated team, including such things as a description of program components, products developed, audiences reached, major impacts and significance of the efforts to agriculture and/or its related fields. This narrative should relate only the teamwork of the group of faculty being nominated. It should not include the accomplishments of individual members that were done independently of the team.

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Excellence in Teaching

Awarded to an outstanding teacher in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) or the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM).

Nomination Procedures:

1. A primary nomination letter (2-page maximum) that summarizes the nominee's qualifications or this award.
2. One to three supporting letters from colleagues or other professionals. One of these letters must come from the nominee's Department Head.
3. Up to six letters of support from current and former students.
4. The nominee's abbreviated current vita (2-page maximum).
5. A listing of courses taught during the last two years with summary statements that reflect student evaluations for those courses. The most recent syllabus should be included for each course listed.

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Excellence in Extension

Awarded to an Extension staff member who has made an outstanding contribution, either directly or indirectly related, to agriculture and related disciplines.

Nomination Procedures:

1. A primary nomination letter (2-page maximum) that summarizes the nominee's qualifications for this award.
2. One to three supporting letters from colleagues or other professionals. One of these letters must come from the nominee's Department Head.
3. The nominee's abbreviated current vita (2-page maximum).

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Excellence in Research

Awarded to a member of the staff of the Institute of Agriculture who has made an outstanding research contribution, either directly or indirectly related, to agriculture and related disciplines.

Nomination Procedures:

1. A primary nomination letter (2-page maximum) that summarizes the nominee's qualifications for this award.
2. One to three supporting letters from colleagues or other professionals. One of these letters must come from the nominee's Department Head.
3. The nominee's abbreviated current vita (2-page maximum).

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Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture

Awarded to a resident of Tennessee who has made an outstanding contribution, either directly or indirectly, to agriculture or related disciplines.

Nomination Procedures:

1. The nominee's name and address.
2. A nomination letter (2-page maximum) that summarizes the nominee's qualifications for this award.

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Alumni Award of Merit

Awarded to an alumnus of the UT Institute of Agriculture who has made an outstanding contribution either directly or indirectly, related to agriculture and related disciplines.

Nomination Procedures:

1. The nominee's name and address.
2. A nomination letter (2-page maximum) that summarizes the nominee's qualifications for this award.

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