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Information for nominators and nominees for the Carruth McGehee Award for Excellent Research by a Junior Faculty Member

Eligibility

Associate professors in the departments of Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Geology & Geophysics, and Physics & Astronomy are eligible for this award. The nomination should be based on a specific work, which may be a paper, a small and coherent collection of results, or a book.

Award Amount

\$2,000

Nominators

Nominators must be LSU tenured faculty members and should prepare the package for a nominee. Self-nominations are not allowed. The nominator may be from a department other than Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Geology & Geophysics, or Physics & Astronomy, but should be a tenured LSU faculty member.

Nomination Packet Requirements

A packet should not include (and a candidate should not be requested to supply) a research statement, a teaching statement, or teaching reviews.

The packet should contain:

1. Three expert letters that address the specific work for which the candidate is nominated.
 - At least one letter must be from an outside expert.
 - At least one letter must be from a tenured LSU faculty member (presumably from the nominator). This letter should include a short and clear characterization of the nominated work and the paper(s) or book that is the basis of the nomination.
2. A paragraph description of each letter writer's qualifications.
3. The candidate's C.V.
4. Copies of the work.
5. Supplemental material that addresses the nominated work may be included, e.g., grant reviews of an application to perform the specific nominated work or reviews of the nominated paper(s) or book.

Deadline

Nominators should inform Dr. Oliver Dasbach, committee chair, by email (odasbach@lsu.edu) of their intention to nominate a candidate by February 1st, 2025. Complete packets are due March 1st, 2025.

Selection

The Carruth McGehee Award committee makes the final selection of the recipient.

Sample email to request a support letter for a nomination.

Below is a sample email that may be used to solicit an expert letter. The email must make clear which work is nominated.

Dear [***],

I am writing to request your assistance in nominating associate professor, [***], for the Carruth McGehee Award for Excellent Research by a Junior Faculty Member at LSU.

This award is to be given in recognition of a specific work. This year, the award will be issued to an associate professor in Natural Sciences, as represented by the departments of Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Geology & Geophysics, and Physics & Astronomy. Professor [***] is being nominated for their work:

[***paper, papers, or book***].

I would greatly appreciate your assistance in evaluating the nominated work by writing a letter in support of the nomination. If you agree, would you please address the quality, importance, and general merit of the work? I have [***enclosed, attached or linked to***] a copy of the nominated work.

The letter should be returned to me by [***date***]. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[name]