**Mumford Awards Criteria**

**Outstanding Faculty**

This award recognizes a College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources faculty member for a sustained record of excellence in teaching, research and/or extension/outreach. The awardee will demonstrate enthusiasm for and excellence in teaching, be a caring mentor and be viewed as an exemplary educator by both students and faculty.

The awardee will be recognized both on campus and externally for the quality and value of her or his research. This person will be successful with grants and will conduct interdisciplinary research. Their research will have contributed to the growth of knowledge and the betterment of society in Missouri and beyond.

In extension/outreach, the faculty awardee will have a program that is recognized for innovation and effectiveness. The awardee will be an outstanding communicator who collaborates with field faculty in program delivery, and will have been recognized for program excellence.

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All nominees not receiving award recognition this year will be held for consideration for the following year's award.

Full-time faculty members who have been employed by the College for at least five (5) years as of January 1, may be nominated.

Completed Nomination Packets must include:

- The Mumford Award nomination form signed by nominator; included a one-page summary or letter giving examples of specific characteristics that qualify this person for this award.
- A current resume/vitae of the nominee.
- No less than three and no more than six support letters that provide clear indication that the nominees program reflects the concept of science and education in the public service that is embodied in the land-grant philosophy and mission of the College.

Note: Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed.

Selection for this award will be based on the quality of the evidence of outstanding abilities, performance, character and commitment to the land-grant philosophy.
Outstanding Staff

This award recognizes a College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources staff member for sustained excellence in executing assigned duties and for her or his effectiveness in support of the mission of their unit and the College. The awardee will be innovative, cooperative and a leader among staff peers. The awardee will have demonstrated personal growth and a drive for excellence in the position she or he occupies.

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All benefit-eligible, non-academic staff members who have been employed by the College for at least three (3) years as of January 1, may be nominated.

Completed Nomination Packets must include:

- The Mumford Award nomination form signed by the nominator; included a one page summary or letter giving examples of specific characteristics that qualify this person for this award.

- No less than three and no more than six support letters that provide a clear description of the nominees contributions to the unit and/or College, giving evidence of the nominees commitment to the land-grant concept.

Note: Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed.

Selection for this award will be based on the quality of the evidence of outstanding abilities, performance, character and commitment to the land-grant philosophy.
**Distinguished Service**

The award recognizes an alumna, alumnus or friend of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources who has contributed to the College through her or his support of and involvement in the betterment of the College and its programs. The awardee will be a leader in her or his chosen field and will have been recognized by peers for excellence in their actions and leadership. The awardee will have demonstrated commitment to helping the College achieve its goals of excellence in teaching, research and extension/outreach.

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Any alumna, alumnus or friend of the College who has helped the College achieve its land-grant mandate is eligible for nomination.

Completed Nomination Packets must include:

- The Mumford Award nomination form signed by the nominator; included a letter giving examples of specific characteristics that qualify this person for this award.

- A one to two page summary explaining the nominee's contributions to the College and its programs and to the broader community.

- No less than three and no more than six letters of support.

Note: Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed.

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**Outstanding Teaching Award Criteria**

**Outstanding Senior Teacher:** Faculty with six or more years of teaching experience at the college level (combined at MU or elsewhere).

**Outstanding Early Career Teacher:** Faculty with less than six years of teaching experience at the college level (combined at MU or elsewhere).

Outstanding teaching awards are based on three criteria:

**Classroom/Laboratory Teaching**

Recipients must demonstrate, documented by student/peer evaluation, clarity of presentations and assignments, variability of instructional materials and teaching methodology, enthusiasm for their subject matter and for teaching, and a teaching style that provides a variety of opportunities for students to learn. The subject matter must also be viewed by students as relevant, meaningful and organized as well as taught in a manner that demonstrates how to apply the course content.

**Teaching Outside the Classroom**

Recipients must demonstrate superior advising and counseling as well as show evidence of working to ensure student success outside the classroom.

**Other Teaching-Related Activities**

Recipients must contribute to the scholarship of teaching (e.g. through teaching publications and/or presentations), be a continual learner of the teaching/learning process and environment, and participate in teaching improvement workshops, seminars or conferences.

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Nomination packets must include a nomination form signed by the nominator with the following items attached:

- A one-page biography and/or curriculum vitae of the nominee.
- Nominee’s “philosophy of teaching and learning.”
- Three to five letters of support:
  - Including a letter from the nominator that, using nontechnical language in one page or less, clearly describes the most important aspect(s) of the nominee's
achievements/contributions/activities that qualify him/her for this award and summarizes prior recognition nominee has received.

- At least one letter from a student.

- A table summarizing numerical student evaluations for all classes taught in the past three years.

- A summary of written comments from student evaluations (one page or less) for all classes taught in the past three years.

- Peer evaluations of classroom/laboratory instruction.

Notes: Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed. All nominees not receiving award recognition this year will be held for consideration for the following year's award. Persons who have won the award or a distinguished campus award (e.g. Kemper) previously are not eligible for the award.
**Outstanding Advisor Awards**

**Outstanding Graduate Advisor:** This award recognizes the efforts of advisors working with students on their graduate degree; faculty are incorporating research or teaching responsibilities along with advising students on thesis and project proposals.

**Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Advisor:** This award recognizes the efforts of advisors working with undergraduate students; faculty are incorporating research or teaching responsibilities along with serving as academic advisor to undergraduate students.

**Recipients**

Recipients of the outstanding advising award must demonstrate unusually effective ongoing mentoring relationships with advisees during their programs of study. Successful candidates will demonstrate a breadth of relevant knowledge including institutional regulations, policies and procedures, as well as information sources, referral procedures and career/life building skills. Awardees must be recognized for excellence by their advisees, peers and administrators at the undergraduate or graduate level, depending on the particular advising award.

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Nomination packets must include a nomination form signed by the nominator with the following items attached:

- A one-page biography and/or curriculum vitae of the nominee.
- Nominee's evidence of excellence and impact on student success, including number of advisees or research mentees (one page or less).
- Three to five letters of support:
  - Including a letter from the nominator that, in one page or less, clearly describes how the nominee is involved in the advising of students, examples of specific characteristics that qualify this person for the award, and contributions that the nominee has made to individual student growth and development.
  - At least one letter from a current or former student (either undergraduate or graduate, depending on award).
- For the outstanding undergraduate academic advisor ONLY: A table summarizing numerical advisor evaluations in comparison to department and college averages.
Notes: Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed. All nominees not receiving award recognition this year will be held for consideration for the following year's award. Persons who have won the award or its equivalent previously are not eligible for the award.
Early Investigator Research Award

Nominees for the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources early career research award have demonstrated excellence in research performance that indicates a trajectory toward national or international recognition through individual research or contributions to research team efforts. CAFNR faculty members with regular or non-regular appointments who hold a professorial title below the rank of professor are eligible for this award. Submission of the nomination must occur within ten years of the date on the nominee's terminal degree.

Early career research award nominees must have outside letters attesting to their research accomplishments and their potential to become leaders in their chosen field and a summary statement addressing their research accomplishments and qualifications for this award.

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- Using nontechnical language, in one page or less, clearly describe the most important aspect(s) of the nominee's achievements/contributions/activities that qualify him/her for recognition as an outstanding early career investigator.

- Summarize the early career research achievements of the nominee and his/her potential to be a disciplinary leader.

- Describe the qualities of the nominee's program that characterize excellence and impact.

- Other nominee contributions and achievements the selection committee should know about.

Completed Nomination Packets Must Include:

1. The nomination form signed by the nominator; the above criteria items attached.

2. A one-page biography and/or curriculum vitae.


4. Newspaper articles or other pertinent materials may be included.

Note: Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed.
**Distinguished Research Awards**

Nominees for the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources distinguished researcher award have demonstrated excellence in research performance, national or international recognition and/or special contributions to research team efforts. CAFNR faculty members on regular or nonregular appointments are eligible for this award.

Distinguished research nominees must have outside letters attesting to their research strengths and impact on their chosen field and a summary statement addressing their research accomplishments and qualifications for this award. Submission of the nomination must occur after ten years of the date on the nominee's terminal degree.

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- Using nontechnical language, in one page or less, clearly describe the most important aspect(s) of the nominee's achievements/contributions/activities that qualify him/her for recognition as an outstanding researcher.
- Summarize the research and leadership achievements of the nominee.
- Describe the qualities of the nominee's program that characterize excellence and impact.
- Other nominee contributions and achievements the selection committee should know about.

Completed Nomination Packets Must Include:

1. The nomination form signed by the nominator; the above criteria items attached.
2. A one-page biography and/or curriculum vitae.
4. Newspaper articles or other pertinent materials may be included.

Note: Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed
**J.W. Burch State Specialist Agricultural Extension Award**

The J. W. Burch Award for exceptional extension program leadership recognizes state specialists for their effectiveness of program leadership with field staff, quality of extension publications, presentations and other educational materials, and recognition by state and national peers for their program quality.

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- One page or less, clearly describe the most important aspect(s) of the nominee’s achievements/contributions/activities that qualify him/her for this award.
- Summarize prior recognition nominee has received for both work and public service.
- Describe the qualities and achievements that characterize excellence and impact.
- Other nominee contributions and achievements the selection committee should know about.

Completed Nomination Packets Must Include:

1. The nomination form signed by the nominator; the above criteria items attached.
2. A one-page biography and/or curriculum vitae.
4. A recent scanned photo.
5. Newspaper articles or other pertinent materials may be included.

Note: Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed.
**Staff Recognition Awards**

Staff recognition award recipients must demonstrate outstanding ability and performance in productivity, quality of work, congeniality, judgment, dependability, initiative, leadership and dedication to the mission and values of the College.

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- Staff and Faculty may nominate any employee in the College, as long as the employee meets the guidelines in the following paragraphs.

- Nominees must have at least 6 months of continuous service and hold at least a 75 percent appointment paid by or serving in a department/unit of the College. Nominees must be non-academic staff members.

- Describe the qualities of the nominee that characterize excellence in the area of job performance, team work and personal qualities.
  - Job performance: give examples of how the nominee has helped all areas of CAFNR achieve a higher level of success.
  - Team work: please give an example of how the nominee shows cooperation and the ability to work in a team environment.
  - Personal qualities: please give an example of how the nominee demonstrates excellent use of judgment, initiative, leadership and/or dependability.

- Other nominee contributions and achievements the selection committee should know about.

- Prior nominees are eligible for nomination. Previous award winners, who have won the award within the last 5 years, are not eligible for nomination. If unsure about an employee's eligibility, please contact Amanda Swaim for a complete list of winners.

- Members of the CAFNR Staff Advisory Council are not allowed to submit nominations and are not eligible for the award during their tenure on the council.

**Completed Nomination Packets Must Include:**

1. The nomination form signed by the nominator; the above criteria items attached, no longer than 2 full pages in length.  
   Note: Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed.
**Allan W. Purdy Award**

This award honors Purdy, former director of scholarships and student financial aid for the University of Missouri, to recognize those who exemplify the same concern and care for students as did Purdy, who dedicated his life to removing financial barriers to higher education. The award is given only on special occasions and not annually. Purdy was an alumnus of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

No other criteria

**Roger L. Mitchell Fellow Award**

This award honors Roger L. Mitchell, the former dean of the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, to recognize those who elevate the College through collaboration and innovative thinking.

Here are the nomination form components:

Roger L. Mitchell Fellow Nomination Form Colleagues and friends established a permanent endowment fund at MU in honor of Roger Mitchell's unwavering commitment to teaching, research, and service in CAFNR. A fellowship will be awarded annually to a ranked CAFNR faculty to recognize academic excellence and leadership in one or more areas of the College's core mission of outreach, research, and teaching.

- Nominee's Name
- Faculty Rank
  - Professor
  - Associate Professor
  - Assistant Professor
- Nominee's Division
- Please give a brief description about nominee’s accomplishments
- List significant awards received by nominee
- Nominator's name
- Nominator's email address
- Please print and place in front of nominee’s CV **unstapled**

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Brady J. Deaton Fellow in International Agriculture Award

This award honors Brady J. Deaton, chancellor emeritus for the University of Missouri, to recognize those who exemplify leadership and commitment to international development.

Here are the nomination form components:

Colleagues and friends established a permanent endowment fund at MU in honor of Brady Deaton. A fellowship will be awarded annually to ranked CAFNR faculty that help facilitate global engagement and to recognize academic excellence and leadership in CAFNR International Programs.

- Nominee's Name
- Faculty Rank
  - Professor
  - Associate Professor
- Assistant Professor
- Nominee's Division
- Please give a brief description about nominee’s accomplishments in International Agriculture
- List significant awards received by nominee
- Nominator's name
- Nominator's email address
- Please print and place in front of nominee’s CV **unstapled**

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