

The ENRI Early Career Award in Environmental and Natural Resources

DESCRIPTION: The Environment and Natural Resources Institute (ENRI) Early Career Award recognizes College of Agricultural Sciences faculty, extension educators, and staff who, early in their careers, show exceptional potential for discovery and leadership at the frontiers of knowledge in the environmental and natural resource sciences. Award winners will receive a prize of \$400.

ELIGIBILITY: ENRI encourages excellence in teaching, research, and outreach in the environmental and natural resource sciences. The ENRI Early Career Award recognizes individuals or teams in the College of Agricultural Sciences for work that has:

- Significantly advanced scientific understanding or application of natural or social systems and processes in the environmental and natural resource sciences;
- Developed and applied new methods that have clearly enhanced teaching effectiveness and student success in the environmental and natural resource sciences; and/or
- Developed and conducted extension and outreach programs in the environmental and natural resource sciences that have demonstrably contributed to a more sustainable society.

The Early Career Award may be given to recognize excellence in research, teaching, or outreach. Added weight will be given to nominees whose work has integrated and contributed to excellence in more than one of the College's core mission areas.

NOMINATIONS: Nominees for the award may be self or colleague nominated. Nominations should include the following:

1. Nominee's curriculum vitae.
2. A brief (less than 1,000 words) letter indicating the rationale for the nomination. This letter should identify the major contributions on which the nomination is based and explain why the nominee is especially qualified to receive this award.
3. The following criteria should be addressed in the statement:
 - a. Scientific, educational, and scholarly excellence – demonstrated outstanding contributions that have advanced scientific understanding, teaching, and/or outreach in the environmental and natural resource sciences.
 - b. Multidisciplinarity – significant original accomplishments in activities across one or more specific disciplines. These accomplishments should have been instrumental in leading to a better understanding of issues in the environmental and natural resource sciences.
 - c. Intellectual and educational leadership – creativity and visionary leadership on scientific and educational matters in the environmental and natural resource sciences.
 - d. Integration across the tripartite mission of outreach, research, and teaching in making contributions to the environmental and natural resource sciences.
 - e. Demonstrate scholarly excellence and impact in environmental and natural resources research, education and/or outreach within the first 10 years of their independent careers.

Nominations for the ENRI Early Career Award will be reviewed by the ENRI Awards Committee; Ted Alter, Chair.

Submit nominations electronically to Anna Marie Nachman at amn6@psu.edu by March 5, 2010.