

Faculty Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Awards and Honors

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Regionally, nationally and internationally a large number of groundbreaking and discipline-specific honors and awards are given to individuals who advance various biomedical fields, be it in research, service or teaching. Identification of opportunities and crafting of materials describing these extraordinary accomplishments is left to individual faculty, who may be unaware that they can and should apply for honors and awards, or may not be experienced in crafting materials. Many organizations send repeated requests for awards and honors applications because an insufficient number of individuals submit materials, or the applications received are not judged worthy because they are poorly constructed, not necessarily because they are not meritorious; junior faculty particularly underestimate the value of their work. This committee is created to increase the number of faculty who are nominated to awards and honors nationally and internationally. The Nominations and Elections Committee will review nominees and create a ballot for the Faculty Council to vote and elect the committee members. This committee will work hand-in-hand with Chairs of Departments and Centers to identify opportunities for CWRU faculty to be nominated to various awards/honors.

Purpose:

1. To identify new and existing opportunities for faculty at every rank, and increase the number of faculty members at CWRU-SOM who receive awards/honors
2. To create a nomination process and assist faculty in determining if and when they should apply for various honors/awards
3. To recommend procedures for crafting materials including producing templates for some very important awards/honors

Committee Member role:

1. Develop a searchable listing of honors and awards, eligibility, frequency, deadlines (to the extent possible)
2. Solicit nominations in conjunction with Department and Center Chairs
3. Review materials submitted and suggest edits based on description of the opportunity or general knowledge of the field
4. Create a databank of materials for faculty to utilize as samples
5. Create an annual honor roll to submit to the Dean/Provost/President

Membership and size of the committee:

1. 4-6 members at different career stages from across the SOM; no more than one member from any department or center to have the broadest representation.
2. Chair should be at least Associate Professor or above with general knowledge of meritorious awards/honors such as the Nobel Prize, National Academies, AAAS Fellows program, and at least one discipline-specific award/honor
3. Members will serve a 3-year term.
4. Members will include both Faculty Council members and individuals not on Faculty Council.

Time Commitment and Resources:

1. The first year will probably be the most intense as uniform procedures and guides do not exist, and the committee may need to meet monthly to advance the agenda. Once a regular agenda is established quarterly meetings (or less, if work can be done online, or via Zoom) may suffice.
2. IT support will be requested to develop the database and centralize materials.