

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Research Faculty Awards

Research Faculty Awards honor scientists who are very productive and deserving of recognition. These awards are presented annually to recognize and reward individuals and teams who have made outstanding contributions to the LSU AgCenter, their professions and agriculture. There are three awards:

G. & H. Seed Research Excellence Award: This \$2,000 cash award goes to the scientist, who has made during the past five years, the most significant contributions to the research programs of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station (LAES). The recipient is chosen based on his/her record during the preceding five years only. Accomplishments may include scientific advances, solutions to significant problems of agriculture or related disciplines, development of new or improved varieties or breeds and/or methodologies that have the potential for contributing to the well-being of agriculture or to economic development of the state. This award is supported by contributions from the G. & H. Seed Company, Inc. of Crowley, Louisiana.

Doyle Chambers Research Award: Through the LSU Foundation an award in honor of Vice Chancellor and Director Emeritus Chambers was established. This \$2,000 cash award is made annually to the scientist who, during his/her career at the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station (LAES) has made the most meritorious contributions to agriculture. The recipient is selected based on career contributions to agriculture as documented by the nomination. Contributions which highlight the mission-oriented programs of the LAES are given strong consideration.

Tipton Team Research Award: The Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station Tipton Team Research Award was established to recognize significant contributions to Louisiana agriculture by a team of at least three scientists who have been participants in exceptional collaborative research efforts. The recipients are chosen based upon their contributions as a team during the most recent five years. Collaborative efforts include intra- and inter- unit research activities, as well as joint efforts with other universities, government agencies, and the private sector. Nominations should stress accomplishments resulting from the team's research accomplishments that would not have been possible by the scientists acting alone. The award is supported through an endowment honoring Vice-Chancellor and Director Emeritus Kenneth W. Tipton.

During faculty evaluations each year, it is evident that in many units, there are individuals that are very productive and deserving of recognition. If we are to achieve excellence as an organization, we must recognize and reward individuals and teams who have made outstanding research contributions to the AgCenter, their professions and agriculture. All nominees must be currently employed. Nominations should be submitted through the unit head and should include:

1. An explanation of why the nominee or the team should be considered.
2. A summary of nominee's or team's major accomplishments (The summary should address the criteria for the specific award as stated above.)
3. Nomination materials may include two letters of support. It is recommended that one be internal and one external.
4. For the Doyle Chambers and G&H Seed awards, the nominee's current vita should be posted on the AgCenter web site or emailed with the nomination materials.

Nominations may not exceed 4 pages (excluding letters of support). Additional pages will be discarded. Please submit an ***electronic copy*** of nominations materials to the Vice President's Office (send to the attention of *Rebecca Smelley* (rsmelley@agcenter.lsu.edu)).