**College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences**

**Outstanding Researcher Award**

**Eligibility and Nominations**

The candidate must be a current, permanent Tennessee State University employee with appointment in the College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences (CAHNS).

Nominations for the Outstanding Researcher Award can be made by faculty, staff, or students in the CAHNS. Self-nominations are also allowed.

Nominations can be e-mailed to Dr. Fisseha Tegegne at ftegegne@tnstate.edu

Each nominee will be contacted to verify that he or she wants to be considered for the award.

Multiple nominations for the same person will be pooled into one nomination.

Researchers who have received the Outstanding Researcher Award within the last five years are not eligible.

E mail will be sent acknowledging nominations.

If those nominated do not meet the award requirements the award will not be presented during that year

Each nominee should provide the following (refer to the specific selection criteria listed on page 2):

* A one-page self statement
* The body of work done in the last five years
* Extra mural funding
* Three letters of recommendation

The award carries a cash sum of $1,000

**Minimum Qualifications**

1. Employment: At least five-years
2. Presentation at regional and national conferences: Average of two per year as primary presenter
3. Presentations at TSU seminars : Average of one per year as primary presenter
4. Publications: Average of five per year (at least 50 percent of the publications must be in refereed journals)
5. Grantsmanship: Funding to support a portion of own salary, that of research staff and/or students

**Specific Criteria for Selection**

Criteria listed below will be used by the committee to select the recipient. Please use the format indicated when submitting documents.

1. **Personal Statement** (20 points)

Each nominee should provide a maximum of one page self statement on the following:

* The nominee’s support of the goals of the CAHNS.
* How well the nominee works in collaboration with colleagues within and outside TSU, students and other stakeholders.
* Future plan of work
1. **Publications** (30 points)
* Authorship of the publication
* Refereed vs. Non-refereed publication
* Stature of the journal
* The type of publication (magazine, newspaper, abstract, proceedings article, book/book chapter, bulletins, etc.)
1. **Presentations** (15 points)
* Authorship of the presentation
* Type of meeting (professional or non-professional, international, nation or local)
* Invited, selected, general presentation
* Refereed vs. non-refereed presentation
* In=house and campus presentations
1. **Extramural Funding** (25 points)
* Proposal authorship (Project Director, Co-Project Director or Collaborator)
* Status of proposal submitted (pending, funded or not funded)
* Total amount of award, and Tennessee State University’s share of the total amount awarded
* Percent of funds used to support salaries
1. **Three Letters of Recommendations** (10 points)

**Deadline**

* Application documents could be submitted electronically or in hard copy form by March 12, 2012 to the following address:

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