



To: University Community
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Subject: 2008-2009 University-Wide Faculty and Staff Awards

This memorandum provides an overview of seven university-wide awards, with a brief description of each award. The calls for nominations for the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, Distinguished Scholar Award, the Distinguished University Professor, the Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service, and the University Distinguished Lecture Series are attached to this memo. Calls for nominations for the other awards are sent separately. All calls for nominations are available online as noted below.

AWARD	SPONSOR	CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	DEADLINE
Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching	Alumni Association and Academic Affairs	September http://oaa.osu.edu/awards/teaching.php	October 17, 2008
Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award	University Senate's Committee on Diversity and Office of Human Resources	November http://hr.osu.edu/special/ddea.aspx	December 31, 2008
Distinguished Scholar Award	Office of Research	July http://research.osu.edu/programs/dsa-nominations.cfm	October 20, 2008
Distinguished Staff Award	Office of Human Resources	November http://hr.osu.edu/special/dsa.aspx	January 12, 2009
Distinguished University Professor	Office of Academic Affairs	September http://oaa.osu.edu/awards/professor.php	January 9, 2009
Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service	Office of Academic Affairs	September http://oaa.osu.edu/awards/service.php	November 7, 2008
University Distinguished Lecture	Office of Academic Affairs	September http://oaa.osu.edu/awards/lecture.php	January 9, 2009

2008-2009 UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

The *Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching* recognizes a maximum of 10 faculty for outstanding teaching. Students, faculty, and alumni may nominate candidates, and a committee of faculty, students, and alumni chooses recipients. Faculty are recognized with a \$3,000 honorarium made possible by gifts from alumni, friends of the University, and the Office of Academic Affairs. In addition, the Office of Academic Affairs awards an increase of \$1,200 to each recipient's base salary.

The *Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award* honors up to five individuals (faculty, staff, students, alumni), offices, departments, or organizations that have developed and implemented programs, policies and/or procedures that have demonstrated a significant commitment to enhance diversity at Ohio State. The University Senate's Committee on Diversity, in cooperation with the Office of Human Resources, awards recipients \$1,200.

The *Distinguished Scholar Award* recognizes a maximum of six faculty members for outstanding scholarly achievements. Each recipient is awarded a \$20,000 research grant for the pursuit of further scholarly activity and a \$3,000 honorarium from the Office of Research.

The *Distinguished Staff Award* recognizes 12 staff members, who have had at least five years of continuous service, for exceptional accomplishments, leadership and service to the university community by significantly improving or enhancing the quality of work/life in ways that make a substantial difference for their colleagues; contributing to outstanding and sustained improvements in customer services; and developing creative solutions to problems that result in significantly more effective and efficient university operations. The Office of Human Resources awards honorees a \$1,500 cash award and a \$700 increase to their base salary.

The *Distinguished University Professor* title is annually awarded to no more than three exceptional faculty who have been at Ohio State for at least five years. The permanent title recognizes a balance of excellence in research, scholarly or creative work, teaching, and service that are both distinguished and distinctive. The Office of Academic Affairs provides honored faculty with a one-time award of \$30,000 to support their academic work. Honorees are expected to continue a regular program of teaching, research, scholarly or creative work, and service.

The *Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service* is awarded to a maximum of three faculty who have made extensive contributions (other than in formal administrative roles) to the development and implementation of university policies and programs that have made documentable impact on the quality of the University. Recipients will have served in leadership roles on university-level committees or in similar capacities while continuing effective teaching and an active program of research, scholarship or creative work. The Office of Academic Affairs presents recipients with a \$3,000 cash award and a \$1,200 increase to their base salary.

The *University Distinguished Lecture Series Program* annually recognizes two senior faculty members for their outstanding academic achievement, particularly, but not exclusively, in research, scholarship, or creative activity. Each recipient presents a scholarly lecture, open to the university community and to the public, followed by a reception. The Office of Academic Affairs provides a \$5,000 award for the lecturer to designate to an academic program or project of her or his choice.