

## *UMass Faculty Federation Local 1895*

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The Committee invites nominations for the 2005 Scholar of the Year award. The person winning the award will be awarded a stipend which is to be determined later. All decisions regarding the award will be finalized in time for presentation during the Annual Faculty Federation Banquet toward the end of the Fall semester.

Nominations and evaluations remains active for two years following the year of initial nomination (unless the candidate has won).

The award recognizes a substantive body of work as well as exemplary scholarly/artistic achievement by an individual in his/her own discipline. The awardee must be of international or national repute. The primary basis for selection is an intellectual and/or artistic contribution to some field of inquiry. The committee anticipates that the competition for this prestigious award will be rigorous. The committee will place more value on specifics than on general statements of praise. A copy of last year's Scholar of the Year Award winner's package is on file in the Faculty Federation Office.

Attached is a description of the award criteria.

Please send all nominations and supporting materials to the Faculty Federation Office, Research 222 (c/o Michael Anderson). The deadline for the complete submission is October 28, 2005. Questions may be directed to the chairperson.

# Criteria of the “Scholar of the Year” Award

## A. General Eligibility

Full-time faculty and librarians.

## B. Accomplishment(s) to be recognized

- i. Though the award is to be presented to an individual(s), the committee recommends that the award be given for some specific product of scholarship or substantive body of work, accessible to a national scholarly audience in the individual’s own discipline. A general history of more or less notable activities will not be considered appropriate submission.
- ii. The value of the work to be recognized will not be determined by the internal or external funding with which it is associated. Neither would the work be devalued from consideration because it *was* funded.
- iii. Eligible work should not be limited to theory-based research and publications but may include compositions and artistic works. In short, any academically related scholarly product will be eligible for submission. However, the work should have some physical representation, as opposed to a purely mental construct or unrecorded activities or presentations.
- iv. The scholarly work should have been done, in the main, while in residency at UMD and must have been completed within the four-year period immediately preceding the year the award is presented.
- v. The physical aspect of the work must be accessible for review and evaluation.

## C. Nominations

- i. Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by any member of the UMD community.
- ii. The nominator/nominee should provide the physical representation of the work (reprints, photographs, recordings, software, descriptors of hardware, video tapes, etc.)
- iii. The nominee should provide some evaluation from appropriate third parties, including at least 3 evaluators from outside the UMD campus (letters of recommendation from journal editors, major scholars, professional associations, etc.). These evaluators should be scholars in the nominee’s discipline and identify their own involvement and position in the field. Evaluators must offer a judgment of the scope, reputation, and influence of scholarship of the nominee. The letters must be current and addressed to the Scholar of the Year Committee.
- iv. The committee, who appreciate a succinctly prepared dossier, will focus its attentions on the following supportive materials: curriculum vitae, letter of nomination (including a description of the significance of the nominee’s body of a work), physical representation of the nominee’s work (wherever possible), a list of with the names of the evaluators and their importance in the field, and the letters of evaluation (including 3 external and 2 internal evaluators).