

# CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

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## A. General Eligibility

Full-time faculty and librarians.

## B. Accomplishment(s) to be recognized

I. The committee recommends that the award be given for 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. While success in obtaining funding will be considered, the committee will take into account the impact of research in UMD programs and the respective field at large.

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 supporting material can be submitted with the application package if the nominee feels that it is helpful.

## C. Nominations

I. Candidates may be nominated by any member of their college or school.

II. The nominee should provide a one page summary overview of scholarship or body of work and its impact on the field

III. The nominee should include two external peer reviewed evaluation letters from past promotion/tenure. 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.

IV. The committee, who appreciate a succinctly prepared dossier, will focus its attention on the following supportive materials:

- One internal nomination letter (no more than three pages)
- One page summary overview of scholarship and the impact on the field with names of the evaluators and their importance in the field.
- Curriculum vitae (no more than five pages)
- Two external peer reviewed evaluation letters from past promotion/tenure.
- Summary page of supporting material (one page).
- Supporting material to Faculty Federation Office (books, articles, creative work).

Letter of nomination should be forwarded to Scholar of the Year Committee, c/o May Matsumoto, [mmatsumoto@umassd.edu](mailto:mmatsumoto@umassd.edu) September 23, 2016.

Packages should be submitted in one compiled PDF, including the evaluators' letters with your name as title by October 21, 2016. Send PDF's to the Scholar of the Year Committee, c/o May Matsumoto, [mmatsumoto@umassd.edu](mailto:mmatsumoto@umassd.edu).

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Past Recipients of  
the Scholar of the Year Award

- 2015 David Kagan, Physics
- 2014 Maolin Guo,  
Chemistry and Biochemistry
- 2013 Kevin Stokesbury  
SMAST, Fisheries Oceanography
- 2011 Vinod Vokkarane  
Computer Information Science
- 2010 Liudong Xing  
Electrical and Computer Engineering
- 2009 Stephen Hegedus, STEM
- 2008 Brian Williams, History
- 2007 Anna Klobucka, Portuguese
- 2006 Yuegang Zuo  
Chemistry/Biochemistry
- 2005 Branislav Notaros  
Electrical and Computer Engineering
- 2004 James Kaput, Mathematics
- 2003 Jefferson Turner, Biology
- 2002 James Bisagni, Physics
- 2002 Victor Mendes, Portuguese
- 2001 Phil Melanson, Political Science
- 2000 Elaine Fisher, Design
- 1999 Nora Ganim Barnes, Marketing/BIS
- 1998 Gerald Hammond  
Chemistry/Biochemistry
- 1997 Tish Dace, English
- 1996 Chi Hau Chen  
Electrical and Computer Engineering
- 1995 Bal Ram Singh  
Chemistry/Biochemistry

To the UMass Dartmouth Community,

The Committee invites nominations for the 2016 Scholar of the Year award. We encourage applications from all disciplines. The person winning the award will receive a stipend of \$1,000, which will be presented at the Faculty Federation's Annual Banquet held at the end of the fall semester. This year's application process has been modified, faculty can nominate any full-time or tenured faculty at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (self nominations are not accepted). Nomination letters are due September 23, 2016.

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 within the last four years. 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 former Scholar of the Year Award winner's package is on file in the Faculty Federation Office.

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

Attached is a description of the award criteria.

Please send all nominations and supporting materials to the Faculty Federation Office by email. Supporting letters should be addressed to the Scholar of the Year Committee, and be included in the nominees package.

Questions should be directed to Geoff Cowles, Chair, Scholar of the Year Committee at [gcowles@umassd.edu](mailto:gcowles@umassd.edu). The deadline for the submission is Friday, October 21, 2016. The Awards Committee will notify applicants of the award decision approximately 4 weeks from the deadline.

Committee Members:

Geoff Cowles, SMAST, Chair, Scholar of the Year Committee  
Dwight Duncan, School of Law  
Neil Fennessey, Engineering  
Jennifer Fugate, Social Science  
Tien-Shih Hsieh, CCB  
Mary McCurry, Nursing  
Cristina Mehrstens, Humanities  
Zachary Painter, Library  
Janine Wong, VPA  
Yuegang Zuo, Science