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<td><strong>Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award</strong></td>
<td>• Award nominees can be CFAES academic or support units (or teams within a unit), CFAES organizations, students, alumni, faculty, staff or retirees who have implemented policies, procedures, and/or programs to enhance diversity on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran or military service status, gender identity or expression, economic status, political belief, marital status or social background.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;• Organization or group winners of this award are not eligible until 5 years after they have won their award. Individual winners of this award are not eligible to receive it again as an individual but can as a member of an organization or group.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;• If a group or individual nominee has received the corresponding university award, applications must clearly denote what new DEI activities have been in place since winning the university award.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;• One to three awardees will be selected annually.</td>
<td>• Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey, including 2 specific to this award&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;• 2 recommendation letters by anyone who can attest to the impact of the applicant as it relates to this award may be included. Limited to 2 pages in length for each letter.</td>
<td>• Coordinated by the CFAES Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion</td>
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| **Distinguished International Research and Engagement Award** | - This award recognizes CFAES scientists who have actively engaged in international work involving teaching, research, and/or Extension which has had a substantial impact on international experiences for faculty and students, or on the country or countries hosting the projects or activities.  
- One award will be given each year to an individual or team. | - Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
- Summary Evaluation Letter-This should be prepared and signed by the TIU head. The Summary Evaluation Letter must be on college or TIU letterhead, and be no more than two pages, single spaced.  
- Record of international Teaching, Research, and- All nominees must present a five-year (January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2021) record of research accomplishments.  
- Two letters of support from faculty who are knowledgeable in international affairs  
- Label each section and the application form clearly. Please start each section on a new page and validate all the requested information before submitting to the college. Please do not provide any information that is not within this five-year window. For each publication, list authors in the order of appearance as published.  
- Limit of 20 pages for entire nomination.  
- These awards nominations should be submitted to the CFAES awards portal ([https://go.osu.edu/cfaesawardnominations](https://go.osu.edu/cfaesawardnominations)) as one PDF file according to the instructions at [https://go.osu.edu/research_awards_call_for_nominations](https://go.osu.edu/research_awards_call_for_nominations) | - A standing committee of faculty with broad international representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners. |

In case of a team: The award consists of a plaque and a $1,000 cash prize to each team member (not to exceed $5,000 for the team.)
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| Distinguished Junior Faculty Research Award       | • This award is for faculty whose appointment is at the rank of Instructor, Assistant, or Associate Professor.  
• Only one nominee per TIU  
• See Research Awards Instructions                                                                                                               | • Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
• Summary Evaluation Letter-This should be prepared and signed by the TIU head. The Summary Evaluation Letter must be on college or TIU letterhead, and be no more than two pages, single spaced.  
• Record of Research- All nominees must present a five-year (January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2021) record of research accomplishments.  
• Label each section and the application form clearly. Please start each section on a new page and validate all the requested information before submitting to the college. Please do not provide any information that is not within this five-year window. For each publication, list authors in the order of appearance as published.  
• Limit of 20 pages for entire nomination.  
• These awards nominations should be submitted to the CFAES awards portal ([https://go.osu.edu/cfaesawardnominations](https://go.osu.edu/cfaesawardnominations)) as one PDF file according to the instructions at [https://go.osu.edu/research_awards_call_for_nominations](https://go.osu.edu/research_awards_call_for_nominations) | • A standing committee of faculty with broad disciplinary representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners. |
| Distinguished Senior Faculty Research Award        | • This award is for faculty whose appointment is at the rank of Professor.  
• Only one nominee per TIU  
• See Research Awards Instructions                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Innovator of the Year Award                       | • This award recognizes scientists who have created innovations that have or will have a major impact on agricultural production, business, rural communities, technology, or the health and well-being of animals and human beings. One award will be given each year to an individual or team.  
• See Research Awards Instructions                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                             |
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<td><strong>Distinguished Multidisciplinary Team Research Award</strong></td>
<td>• Awarded every third year, next for 2022</td>
<td>• Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey</td>
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| **William E. Krauss Director’s Award for Outstanding Publication by a Graduate Student** | • Open to all Ph.D. students who have worked on or are working on a CFAES affiliated project during the 2021 calendar year.  
• Each TIU may nominate up to two individuals, either current students or those who have received a PhD within the last calendar year (no earlier than December 2020).  
• The refereed publication to be considered for the award must be a) related to the content of the Ph.D. dissertation; b) both submitted and published or accepted for publication during the tenure of the student in the Ph.D. program or up to one year after finishing the program (though the 2021 calendar year).  
• The student must be the lead author of the refereed publication submitted for consideration of the award publication. The affiliation of the student with a department associated with CFAES should be clearly presented.  
• The publication will be evaluated according to the quality of the publication, which can include the following criteria: originality/creativity, sophistication of data and research methods, and significance/relevance. Some evaluation of the strength of supporting letters (see below) may also be considered. | • Letter of nomination from the TIU Head to verify the eligibility of the student. The letter should affirm that the nominee’s paper is/will be an integral part of the doctoral dissertation and that the paper was part of a CFAES project.  
• Two letters of support from faculty who are knowledgeable in the area of the publication providing an assessment of the quality and the significance within discipline of the paper.  
• One copy of reprint or copy of the refereed paper as accepted by the journal.  
• If the paper is not yet in print but accepted for publication, then please provide a copy of the correspondence from the journal editor verifying the acceptance.  
• Limit of 20 pages for entire nomination.  
• This award nomination should be submitted to the CFAES awards portal ([https://go.osu.edu/cfaesawardnominations](https://go.osu.edu/cfaesawardnominations)) as one PDF file according to the instructions at [https://go.osu.edu/research_awards_call_for_nominations](https://go.osu.edu/research_awards_call_for_nominations) |
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|                                           | The award will consist of a plaque and $1,000 cash prize to the awardee. | • The award is open to any CFAES faculty members who advise and mentor graduate students. Faculty may be at any rank (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor)  
• Only one nominee per TIU  
• Award criteria includes:  
  o Evidence of meaningful and impactful mentoring as attested by current or former graduate students.  
  o A strong placement rate of students in appropriate (academic and non-academic) settings.  
  o A strong record of mentoring across multiple mission areas (research, teaching, and/or Extension) to support graduate student goals  
  o Service activities in support of graduate student extracurricular activities and professional development  
• Evidence of strong support of diversity, equity and inclusion efforts for graduate students. | • Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
• 1 letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Graduate Studies Chair (or appropriate designee). The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length.  
• 2 additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length. At least one of these two letters must be from a current or former graduate student. | • A standing committee of faculty with broad disciplinary representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners. |
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| **Distinguished Early Career Extension Faculty Award** | · Award nominees can be any Assistant Professor in any CFAES TIU who has an Extension appointment or expectations.  
· Criteria for the award focuses on the following area:  
  o Innovation of Extension programming  
  o Appropriateness of scholarly Extension products as it relates to the faculty member’s overall  
  o Evidence of strong stakeholder support and/or engagement  
· Only one nomination per TIU. | · Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
· 1 letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Program Area Assistant Director (or appropriate designee). The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length.  
· 2 additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length.  
· Curriculum Vita | · A standing committee of faculty with broad disciplinary representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Extension. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners. |
| **Distinguished Extension Faculty Award** | · Award nominees can be any Associate Professor or Professor in any CFAES TIU who has an Extension appointment or expectations.  
· Criteria for the award focuses on the following area:  
  o Innovation of Extension programming  
  o Appropriateness of scholarly Extension products as it relates to the faculty member’s overall  
  o Evidence of strong stakeholder support and/or engagement  
· Only one nomination per TIU. | · Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
· 1 letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Program Area Assistant Director (or appropriate designee). The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length.  
· 2 additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length.  
· Curriculum Vita | · A standing committee of faculty with broad disciplinary representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Extension. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners. |
| **Distinguished Early Career Extension Professional Award** | · Award nominees can be professional (non-faculty program staff) in any CFAES TIU or OSU Extension (educator or program staff) who has an Extension appointment or expectations and has less than 7 years by December 31 of the nomination year.  
· Criteria for the award focuses on the following area:  
  o Innovation of Extension programming  
  o Appropriateness of scholarly Extension products and partnership with Extension professionals statewide  
  o Evidence of strong stakeholder support and/or engagement  
· Only one nomination per TIU. | · Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
· 1 letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Program Area Assistant Director (or appropriate designee). The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length.  
· 2 additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length.  
· Curriculum Vita | · A standing committee of faculty with broad disciplinary representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Extension. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners. |
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<td><strong>Distinguished Extension Professional Award</strong></td>
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<td>• Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey • 1 letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Extension Program Area Assistant Director (or appropriate designee). The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length. • 2 additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length.</td>
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<td><strong>Distinguished Multi-disciplinary Team Extension Award</strong></td>
<td>• Award nominees must be an Extension-based team with both faculty and staff from any CFAES TIU. Team must have representative from at least 2 different TIUs. • Criteria for the award focuses on the following area: o Innovation of Extension programming o Appropriateness of scholarly Extension products and partnership with Extension professionals statewide o Evidence of strong stakeholder support and/or engagement</td>
<td>• Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey • 1 letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Extension Program Area Assistant Director (or appropriate designee). The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length. • 2 additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length.</td>
<td>• A standing committee of faculty with broad disciplinary representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Extension. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners.</td>
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| Rodney F. Plimpton Distinguished Early Career Teacher Award | • Assistant and Associate Professors who are tenure-track faculty or professional-practice track and are considered outstanding teachers by their peers, professional associates and administrators, and/or graduate and undergraduate students are eligible.  
• Only one nomination per TIU  
• Criteria Includes  
  o Student Motivation: The teacher demonstrates the ability to motivate students in the learning process and stimulates strong interest in the subject matter.  
  o Teaching Effort: The teacher effectively uses a variety of materials and methods appropriate to the subject matter, establishes clear learning objectives, and presents subject matter in an organized manner.  
  o Scholarly Role Model: The teacher maintains a thorough, up-to-date and futuristic knowledge of subject matter, applies principles of science in evaluating information, and strives for objectivity and intellectual honesty.  
  o Innovation: The teacher is innovative, constantly seeks to improve quality of the teaching/learning situation and helps students to reflect upon relevancy of information and to project ideas into new areas and into the solutions of problems.  
• Service to Teaching: The teacher has contributed to teaching excellence, assessment and/or curriculum development through participation in departmental, college or university initiatives and/or committees. | • Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
• 1 letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Academic Affairs Chair (or appropriate designee). The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length.  
• 2 additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length. At least one of these two letters must be from a current or former student from any course.  
• Curriculum Vita | • Selected by a committee of previous award winners identified by the Associate Dean of Academic Programs. |
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|                             | Distinguished Teacher Award | ● Full Professors who are tenured faculty or professional practice-track at the Professor rank and are considered outstanding teachers by their peers, professional associates and administrators, and/or graduate and undergraduate students are eligible.  
● Only one nomination per TIU  
● Criteria Includes  
  o Student Motivation: The teacher demonstrates the ability to motivate students in the learning process and stimulates strong interest in the subject matter.  
  o Teaching Effort: The teacher effectively uses a variety of materials and methods appropriate to the subject matter, establishes clear learning objectives, and presents subject matter in an organized manner.  
  o Scholarly Role Model: The teacher maintains a thorough, up-to-date and futuristic knowledge of subject matter, applies principles of science in evaluating information, and strives for objectivity and intellectual honesty.  
  o Innovation: The teacher is innovative, constantly seeks to improve quality of the teaching/learning situation and helps students to reflect upon relevancy of information and to project ideas into new areas and into the solutions of problems.  
● Service to Teaching: The teacher has contributed to teaching excellence, assessment and/or curriculum development through participation in departmental, college or university initiatives and/or committees. | ● Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
● 1 letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Academic Affairs Chair (or appropriate designee). The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length.  
● 2 additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length. At least one of these two letters must be from a current or former student from any course.  
● Curriculum Vita | ● Selected by a committee of previous award winners identified by the Associate Dean of Academic Programs. |
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| **Distinguished Teaching by a Lecturer Award** | • Open to anyone with the rank of Lecturer or Senior Lecturer in CFAES having taught at least one 3-credit hour course in the last academic year.  
• Only one nomination per TIU  
• Criteria Includes  
  o Student Motivation: The teacher demonstrates the ability to motivate students in the learning process and stimulates strong interest in the subject matter.  
  o Teaching Effort: The teacher effectively uses a variety of materials and methods appropriate to the subject matter, establishes clear learning objectives, and presents subject matter in an organized manner.  
  o Innovation: The teacher is innovative, constantly seeks to improve quality of the teaching/learning situation and helps students to reflect upon relevancy of information and to project ideas into new areas and into the solutions of problems. | • Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
• 1 letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Academic Affairs Chair (or appropriate designee). The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length.  
• 2 additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length. At least one of these two letters must be from a current or former student from any course. | • Coordinated by the Office of Academic Programs |
| **Distinguished Undergraduate Academic Advisor/Mentor Award** | • This award recognizes excellence in undergraduate academic advising.  
• This award cannot be awarded more than once to an individual. | • Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
• 1 letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Academic Affairs Chair (or appropriate designee). The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length.  
• 2 additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length. At least one of these two letters must be from a current or former student from any course. | • Coordinated by the Office of Academic Programs |
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| **The Shirley Brooks-Jones Citizenship Award** | The award will consist of a plaque and $1,000 cash prize to the awardee. | • Provides outstanding and ongoing excellence in services to faculty, staff, students and/or others.  
• Enhances the quality of work-life in ways that make a significant difference for colleagues or customers.  
• Develops creative solutions to problems that result in significantly more effective and efficient college operations.  
• Contributes to positive changes in the college.  
• Promotes the college’s vision, We Sustain Life, and aids in accomplishing the college’s goal to transform CFAES to be a highly effective, relevant, efficient, and innovative college by focusing on four grand challenges: sustainability, one health, rural-urban interface, and leadership. | • Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
• Letter of nomination (500 word maximum) stating why the nominee is an excellent candidate to receive the award.  
• Additional letter of support from someone other than the nominator of no more than two pages. | Selected by a task force within the CFAES Staff Advisory Council |
| **Key Values Award** | The award will consist of a plaque and $500 cash prize to the awardee. | • A service award for dedication, cooperation and positive attitudes in the workplace.  
• Nominations limited to staff members within their first 3 years of employment in CFAES. | • Complete questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey  
• Letter of nomination (500 word maximum) stating why the nominee is an excellent candidate to receive the award.  
• Additional documentation (thank you notes, other letters of support) can be attached, but not required. Limited to three additional pages. | Selected by a task force within the CFAES Staff Advisory Council |
| **Innovation Award** | The award will consist of a plaque and $500 cash prize to the awardee. | • For developing and/or participating in project initiatives and/or process operations improvements that enhance CFAES, Extension, ATI or OARDC and its mission. | | |
| **Special Recognition** | The award will consist of a plaque and $500 cash prize to the awardee. | • For going above and beyond job duties, for having special commitment to tasks, positive customer service and improving workplace communications. | | |