College of Sciences
Dean’s Distinguished Researcher and Rising Star Awards 2016

The College of Sciences is proud to announce the continuation of this awards program that recognizes the efforts of our most research productive faculty:

- College of Sciences Dean’s Distinguished Researcher Award (Professor)
- College of Sciences Dean’s Rising Star Awards (1 Assistant and 1 Associate)

Rationale:
The COS Dean’s Distinguished Researcher and Rising Star Awards recognize the efforts of our most research productive faculty and the outstanding value that they bring to their classroom teaching, as well as to the unambiguous value of the research mentorship that they offer to undergraduate and graduate students that are their apprentices.

Eligibility:
The applicants must have an outstanding research, scholarly, and/or creative record that advances the body of knowledge in their field. All applicants must have been full time tenured or tenure track faculty since August 8, 2012. Candidates for the Distinguished Researcher Award must be full-time tenured faculty at the rank of Professor in COS. Candidates for the Rising Star Awards must be full-time tenure-earning Assistant Professors or tenured Associate Professors (there will be one award at each rank). Previous winners of any of these awards will be required to wait three years before being eligible to apply again to any of these Dean’s awards. Faculty who have received one of these awards in 2013 or later are not eligible in this cycle.

Funding and Allocation of Awards:
The Distinguished Researcher Award recipient will receive a tablet (IPad, Dell Venue, etc.) and a reserved parking space for the following academic year (fall, spring, summer). The Rising Star Award recipients will each receive a one-time allotment of $7,000 that can be used for purposes allowable for PI research overhead funds. The $7,000 allotments of support will be available to the recipients July 1, 2016. COS is planning to award one Distinguished Researcher Award and two Rising Star Awards.

Evaluation and Award Process:
The COS Research committee and the COS RIA committee will be integrated for the award selection process. The candidates will be evaluated based on their accomplishments over the last three calendar years (2013, 2014, and 2015).

The criteria for evaluating applicants' files will include the following major categories to be applied as appropriate for the discipline:

1. Value or impact of research and creative efforts both within the discipline and to society.
2. Recognition of research and creative efforts by the individual's peers in the same or related disciplines.
3. External grant and contract support for the research and creative efforts appropriate to the candidate’s discipline.
The selection committees will select the top three candidates in each award category. Dean Johnson will then select the winner for each of the three awards. The college will notify all applicants of the results.

**Application and Supporting Documentation:**
An application form (see attached) must be used. Documentation and materials supporting the candidate’s research or creative accomplishments must accompany each application. All applications must be submitted electronically.

**Timeline of Awards:**

**March 23, 2016:** Distribute guidelines to all the COS Faculty

**April 12, 2016:** Applicants’ files emailed to Zachary.Knauer@ucf.edu by 5pm

**May 2, 2016:** Evaluation Committee’s recommendations due to the Dean

**May 16, 2016:** Dean announces the awardees to the College
PERSONAL DATA

Name  ____________________________________________

Department or School  _______________________________________

Current Rank  ____________________________________

• RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

In one page, briefly describe your area of research and your accomplishments over the last three calendar years (2013, 2014, and 2015). Discuss your research or creative achievements, including dates for these activities, discuss such things as any new discoveries, major contributions to the field, creativity, originality, significant breakthroughs, and so on. Describe how your refereed research publications, other research or creative dissemination, and mentoring of student researchers exceed the norm in the field.

• SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Candidate's Vita
Research Funding - Last 3 years. Verification if appropriate to discipline.
   (AURORA or PARIS cumulative and with split credit data)

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Candidate's Signature                                                    Date

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Chair/Director’s Signature                                              Date