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Oklahoma State University's Public Impact Research Award

The Division of the Vice President for Research invites nominations for the OSU Public Impact Research Award. This award is intended to recognize an OSU research program that has implemented one or more impactful Public Impact Research (PIR) projects...research efforts that have public impact and community involvement at the core of how the work was planned, carried out, and disseminated.

Award Details

The recipient(s) will receive \$1,000 in professional development funds and a plaque with their name engraved on it. The plaque will be presented during the University's fall Awards Convocation in December. The University's award recipient will become the OSU nominee for the national Association of Public and Land-grant Universities' Public Impact Research Award.

Eligibility

- Faculty at any rank at Oklahoma State University-Stillwater/Tulsa are eligible for this award.

Evaluation Criteria

The award is given annually to a faculty investigator or team of researchers who have demonstrated exceptional performance and/or the potential for national recognition in the area of public impact research. The following criteria will be used by the review committee:

1. Responsiveness—nominated programs should be intentionally tuned to the specific community needs via engagement with the community.
2. Cost/Value (ROI)—in general, programs that achieve positive outcomes based on modest university investments will be valued over programs that require a large infusion of OSU resources in order to achieve a positive return on investment. Note: Securing and utilizing external grant funding to achieve the impact is valued positively in this ROI calculation.
3. Scope and Impact—demonstrated and measured impact of a nominated research program, as well as the numbers of persons/groups benefiting from the effort, will carry weight in the selection. Attestation of impact by community leaders is particularly valued.

Nomination Period

The nomination period begins on May 1. All nominations must be submitted **by 11:59 p.m., September 1**. The award recipient will be determined by early October, and the award recipient will be announced during the University Awards Convocation in December.

Nomination Procedure

Self-nominations are welcome (i.e., a researcher may nominate her/his own research program). In fact, self-nominations will likely be the norm, given the types of information required to substantiate the nomination.

All materials must be compiled into a single .pdf file and submitted electronically via OSU's InfoReady online submission portal (<https://okstate.infoready4.com/>).

The nomination dossier for this award includes:

1. A nomination cover page must include:
 - a. Name/Title of the research program being nominated
 - b. Name, title, department affiliation, and contact information of the nominator
 - c. A statement to the following effect: "If selected for this award, I commit to facilitating the program's subsequent nomination for the APLU Council on Research Public Impact Research Award at the next call for nominations."
2. Program description section (1500 words maximum) must include:
 - a. Overview of the research program
 - b. When and how (by whom, via what engagement process, etc.) the research program was devised and implemented
 - c. Costs and funding sources for the research program
 - d. Results and impact of the research to date
 - e. Sufficient information to assess the award criteria (delineated above)
3. Testimonials/Endorsements:
 - a. No more than three (3) letters of support may be included from persons impacted by the research program or from other persons who can substantiate the research program's impact.

The Vice President for Research will appoint a review and selection committee. The committee makes a recommendation for the award recipient to the VPR by early October.