Distinction through Discovery

2015 Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year Award

Faculty who serve as model mentors to their undergraduate students are eligible to receive the Distinguished Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Mentor of the Year award. Each year, one university-wide award will be given. The Distinguished Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Mentor of the Year will be recognized with a $2,500 award at the annual Honors Convocation.

Eligibility and Criteria for Selection

- Full time FAU faculty
- Demonstrated engagement of mentorship of students in undergraduate research and inquiry (i.e. co-curricular, curricular, individual, or group student mentorship.)

Timeline

- March 4th at 5:00 p.m.: Deans selection of College Nominee in the form of letter of support sent to OURI
- March 11th: College Nominees notified by OURI
- March 18th at 5:00 p.m.: College Nominee applications due to OURI
- TBA: Announcement of Distinguished Mentor at Honors Convocation in April

Application

College Nominees will be asked to provide the following:

1. Current curriculum vitae including evidences of all undergraduate research and inquiry student involvement (co-curricular including mentorship, and curricula)
2. A statement of undergraduate student mentorship philosophy
3. A letter of support from an undergraduate student research mentee

Selections Process

Deans will nominate one candidate from each college to OURI in the form of a formal letter of support. College candidates will be notified and asked to submit an application to OURI via email. Final selection of the Distinguished Mentor will be made by the College Faculty liaisons and the OURI Communications Committee (faculty, staff, and students). Selections will be made based on the following documents:

1. Evidence of undergraduate student research and inquiry mentorship
2. Student mentorship philosophy
3. Deans letter of support
4. Student letter of support