



Distinction through Discovery 2014 Distinguished 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

- <u>February 23rd</u> 5:00 p.m.: Deans selection of College Nominee in the form of letter of support sent to OURI
- February 26th: College Nominees notified by OURI
- March 16th at 5:00 p.m.: College Nominee applications due to OURI
- April 15th 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