

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND ENGAGEMENT AWARD (IDEA)**

### **DESCRIPTION**

Up to two Innovation, Development, and Engagement Awards (IDEA) shall be presented each year to honor faculty members who have extended their academic expertise beyond the boundaries of the University in ways that have enriched the broader community. These faculty members have worked with citizens, businesses, government and non-profit organizations, other educational institutions, communities, or regions to develop new ideas, projects, technologies, events, or businesses that resulted in new development that strengthened the region or community economically, culturally, environmentally, or governmentally. Potential areas of achievement include:

- Development of research and technology that results in economic growth
- Creation of new regional, national, or international partnerships across public and private sectors that foster economic growth
- Initiatives that promote improved health, environment, and social services
- Partnerships with the schools and communities that improve quality and access to education
- Cultural activities that enrich the community's understanding of the arts, letters, and history of the state, nation, and world
- Service, research and consultation with government, social agencies, community organizations, and other civic or private groups working to build a better society

### **CRITERIA**

The awards are given for a sustained record of excellent accomplishments and documented impact in the creation of economic growth or partnerships with businesses, schools or communities, or initiatives that improve social or cultural understanding, or commercialization of research and technology.

The recipients are honored annually in the spring and are each awarded \$10,000, a presidential medallion, and a plaque.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Only full-time faculty members are eligible to be nominated.

A major part of the work on which each nomination is based must have been done while the nominee has served at the University of Nebraska. Each nominee must still be actively involved in outreach and engagement with the state, region, or community as part of his or her work at the University to be eligible.

A nominee is eligible for three consecutive years and must be resubmitted by the nominator each year. At the end of three years, a one-year waiting period is required before a nominee is eligible to be nominated again.

In the event of the death of a candidate, eligibility for that deceased candidate will extend only to include the academic year in which he or she died. No eligibility will be carried forward to subsequent years.

## **COMMITTEE**

Each Chancellor will establish a campus process to review possible nominees.

Each Chancellor may submit a maximum of three nominees to the Provost's Office for consideration by the University-wide Awards Selection Committee.

The Provost appoints a University-wide Awards Selection Committee to review the nominations from the campuses and ultimately submit their recommendations to the Provost. This eight-member committee consists of one faculty member from each campus and four community members from at least two different communities. Members of the Committee serve staggered two year terms.

## **NOMINATION MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Nine (9) complete sets of the following material must be sent to the Chancellor's Office by October 24, 2008:**

- 1. Completed nomination form.**
- 2. Letters from the nominator and seconder** summarizing and giving specific examples of the nominee's accomplishments in Innovation, Development, and Engagement. Nominators can be faculty, community members, or alumni. The letters should clearly substantiate the state/regional/national significance of the nominee's work beyond the boundaries of the University, as well as the nominee's continued involvement in community leadership. No person should act as nominator or seconder for more than one nominee.
- 3. A current curriculum vitae of the nominee.**
- 4. Evidence of the nominee's most significant accomplishments.** Evidence presented for consideration might be letters from organizations or community leaders, publications, patents, honors, awards, projects and programs delivered that impact economic development, applied research activities, service on community boards and committees, and other community activities.
- 5. Consent to contact the five leaders from community, business, private, governmental, non-profit, cultural, or educational organizations** from outside the University of Nebraska system who provided letters in support of the nomination. Provide names, addresses, email, and telephone (or FAX) numbers.

All nomination materials will be returned to the nominator after the Awards Selection Committee makes its recommendation.

*In addition...*

**Five letters of support from leaders of community, business, private, governmental, non-profit, cultural, or educational organizations** from outside the University of Nebraska system solicited directly by the nominator are necessary to complete the nomination. **These letters are to be sent directly to the Chancellor's office at the campus address below by November 7, 2008. Only reviewer letters that are sent directly to the Chancellor's office by the reviewers themselves will be accepted.** The nominator is to share the insert (on back of enclosed IDEA nomination form) entitled "*Memorandum to Outside Reviewers*" with the reviewers, which includes information about the award and guidelines to follow in writing their letters of support.

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***By October 24, 2008, send nominations to:  
Office of the Chancellor on the respective campus***

**UNK: 1000 Founders Hall 68849 UNL: 201 Administration Building 68588- 0419  
UNMC: 5001 Wittson Hall UNO: 201 Eppley Administration Building  
68198-6605 68182**

(Chancellors will forward their selected campus nominations  
to the Provost's Office by November 24, 2008.)