

**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY AWARD**

N O M I N A T I O N F O R M

As the guidelines indicate, these awards are made in recognition of outstanding research or other creative activity of national/international significance conducted by full-time faculty members of the University of Nebraska. The production of such significant work is the principal criterion on which the selection of award recipients is based. Nominations must be for one individual only and not for a couple or a team. 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, and each nominee must still be engaged in research or other creative activity at the University of Nebraska to be eligible.

	Name and Professional Title	Group 1 or 2*	Academic Area/Dept.	Campus Address (include zip code)	Campus Phone
Nominee	Name _____ Title _____			Address _____ Campus _____ Zip _____	() _____
Nominator	Name _____ Title _____			Address _____ Campus _____ Zip _____	() _____
Seconder	Name _____ Title _____			Address _____ Campus _____ Zip _____	() _____

* **Group 1:** Arts and Humanities (including Creative and Performing Arts), Business and Social Sciences, and Professional Education

* **Group 2:** Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Medical Sciences

**ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 14, 2011,
THE NOMINATION AND ALL MATERIALS TO BE CONSIDERED SHOULD BE
SUBMITTED ON A CD IN .PDF FORMAT WITH ALL MATERIALS IN A SINGLE
FILE TO:**

Shannon Malousek
ORCA Awards Selection Committee
Office of the Provost
University of Nebraska
124 Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, NE 68583-0743

This form must be accompanied by: (1) nominating letter, (2) seconding letter, (3) curriculum vitae of nominee, (4) list of the nominees' most significant publications or other creative works, (5) list of five peer reviewers who will provide letters of support. Only one set of significant publications or "one-of-a-kind" books or creative works needs to be submitted.

Support letters from five peer reviewers should be sent directly to the above address
by the reviewers by November 7, 2011.

MEMORANDUM to PEER REVIEWERS for the ORCA AWARD

TO: *Peer Reviewers of Candidates for the University of Nebraska Outstanding Research and Creative Activity (ORCA) Awards*

FROM: *ORCA Awards Selection Committee*

Letters of support from five peer reviewers outside the University of Nebraska system are required for the nomination of a faculty member for the *University-wide Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award*, which was established to recognize research and creative activity of national or international significance conducted at the University of Nebraska. Nominations are solicited from the faculties of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Two university-wide "ORCA" awards are given each year--one for a faculty member in the areas of arts and humanities (including the creative and performing arts), business and social sciences, and professional education, and one for a faculty member in the areas of biological sciences, medical sciences, and physical sciences. The awards are \$10,000 each.

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of support on behalf of one of the professors who has been nominated for this prestigious award. Your support letter will be shared with the eight members of the Awards Selection Committee, which is composed of professors from a wide variety of disciplines and is intended to represent a cross-section of the University of Nebraska community. With that in mind, your letter will best represent the candidate if it is addressed to scholars of any discipline, avoiding technical terminology, and placing the candidate's achievements and contributions in as wide and broad context as possible.

In the support letter, you may want to address the following questions:

1. *Which of the professor's works do you regard as most important?*
2. *What has been the influence of this work on the development of the field?*
3. *How does the professor rank among other scholars in this discipline nationwide?*

Please send your letter of support by November 7, 2011, directly to:

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124 Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, NE 68583-0743
or FAX: (402) 472-4240
or smalousek@nebraska.edu

~Only peer reviewer letters that are sent directly to the Office of the Provost by the referees will be accepted by the Committee.~