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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Vice Presidents  
Deans  
Department Chairs/School and Center Directors

**FROM:** Cynthia Price, Ph.D.   
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Office of Sponsored Programs and Research

**SUBJECT:** Nominations for 2009 Outstanding Young Scholar Award

The Outstanding Young Scholar Award is given to outstanding young faculty who have excelled in their scholarly endeavors. The award helps enhance the academic career of junior faculty by providing discretionary funds for the support of future scholarly activities; promote, recognize and reward scholarly excellence among young investigators; support researchers and foster contact and cooperation with industry and institutions that support research and education, and aid in building closer ties between BGSU and the local community. A more complete description of the criteria and selection process for the award is attached.

Nominations will be accepted any time on/or before **October 2, 2009** in the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research, 106 University Hall.

## OUTSTANDING YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR) wishes to recognize outstanding young faculty who have excelled in their scholarly endeavors. Financial support for this award is provided through an endowment established in the BGSU Foundation with fund contributions from the BGSU Ohio Eminent Scholars, Mid American National Bank and Trust, Mid Am Inc., and an anonymous donor. Additionally, funding has been provided by the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, Technology, Health and Human Services, the Graduate College and OSPR.

### Goals

This award is intended to:

- enhance the academic career of junior faculty by providing discretionary funds for the support of future scholarly activities,
- promote, recognize and reward scholarly excellence among young investigators,
- support researchers and foster contact and cooperation with industry and institutions that support research and education, and
- aid in building closer ties between BGSU and the local community.

### Selection

Each year a recipient will be selected from a pool of candidates who have been nominated by their departments. Thus the nomination itself will provide recognition for a select group of young faculty. Further screening leading to the selection of the recipient will be conducted via a peer review process coordinated by OSPR. Review by the OSPR Committee will be based on the nominee's demonstrated scholarly ability and potential significance of scholarly accomplishments and efforts in securing external funding support.

### Award

The award recipient will be announced at the annual BGSU Research Conference. The recipient will receive a cash award of \$2,000 in addition to \$1,000 deposited into his or her discretionary research account.

### Submission

All materials must be submitted to the OSPR Office on/or before **October 2, 2009**.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Young scholars from all disciplines may compete for this honor. Award recipients will have been:

- nominated by their department or college. The nomination will include a letter of nomination, a current resume, copies of recent reprints, current research plan and other relevant information,
- awarded the Ph.D. degree, or equivalent, no earlier than July 1, 1998,
- employed by BGSU for at least three (3) years and not have previously received this award, and
- active in pursuing external funding while in residence at BGSU.

## **Review Criteria**

Criteria for selection will include consideration of:

- the applicant's competence as evidenced by recent outstanding achievements, particularly the quality of research and publications,
- the institutional impact of achievements and potential for continued professional growth,
- the quality and significance of long-range research and the appropriateness of the research plan to the applicant's academic setting and its probable impact upon BGSU as well as the scholarly community within the discipline.

## **Review Process**

Each department will send its nomination to OSPR and the respective College dean. College deans will forward their comments and recommendations to the OSPR office. From this slate of nominees an awardee will be selected by a selection committee composed of previous award winners. When an extremely strong slate of nominees is presented to the selection committee, two awards may be made (funds permitting) or, the committee may, at its discretion, defer making an award in any given year.

In view of the fact that goals and criteria of this endowment are subject to change over time, it is anticipated that they will be reviewed and modified (as necessary and appropriate) at intervals of no less than five (5) years.