

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – KANSAS CITY

Title: *Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement*

Established: October 2009; revised 2013.

Description: This award recognizes and celebrates UMKC faculty, staff, departments, units and campus organizations that have made engagement with the community a central aspect of their approach to student learning and scholarship.

Purpose: To recognize a UMKC faculty member, staff member, department, unit, or campus organization for outstanding engagement in public problem-solving and excellence in scholarship that addresses critical community concerns or leadership in academic service-learning.

Eligibility: Full-time UMKC faculty and staff, or a UMKC department, unit or organization.

Nature of award: One \$1500 award distributed annually.

- **Amount:** \$1500 + commemorative wall plaque
- **Funding source:** Chancellor's Office
- **Number of annual awards:** 1
- **Terms of award:** One-time, lump-sum, non-renewable award payable to recipient as a taxable stipend to an employee, or as a deposit into the account of a campus organization. Previous award recipients ineligible for repeat awards.

Qualifying Criteria:

Faculty and staff must demonstrate:

- Sustained leadership in working with the public and/or community organizations in addressing critical community concerns, and/or
- Innovative ways of working for the well-being of citizens and communities, and/or
- Documented excellence in extending University knowledge
 - Evidence of the impact on a targeted audience, and/or
 - Evidence of impact on scholarship/research, instruction and curriculum development, and/or student learning.

Departments, units, and organizations must demonstrate:

- A significant number of faculty or staff members engaged in public scholarship, academic service learning, and/or faculty/staff members' community engagement.

Nomination Process: Candidates are nominated via an open call for nominations from the University community, including students, faculty, staff and self-nominations.

Faculty/staff nomination materials include:

1. A completed [Cover Sheet](#);

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2. A letter of nomination detailing the nominee's unique qualifications for the award based upon the qualifying criteria above. (Limit 2 pages);
3. A statement from the nominee providing additional or clarifying information to strengthen the nomination. (Limit 500 words);
4. A CV emphasizing material relevant to the award (Limit 5 pages);
5. Three to five additional letters of support which may include external referees (Limit 2 pages each).

Department/Unit/Organization nomination materials include:

1. A completed [Cover Sheet](#);
2. A letter of nomination linking the activity to the unit's/organization's mission and goals as they relate to the qualifying criteria above. (Limit 2 pages);
3. A letter of support from the head of the organization providing additional or clarifying information to strengthen the nomination. (Limit 2 pages);
4. Documentation of related activities and events to support this nomination such as event/activity flyers or photos, website or event descriptions, etc... (Limit 5 pages);
5. Three to five additional letters of support which may include external referees (Limit 2 pages each).

Send electronic nomination materials in **one combined PDF document** in the order outlined above to Provost Office prior to deadline via email to: awards@umkc.edu

Deadline for Submission of Nomination Materials: June 7, 2021. Send electronic nomination materials to Provost Office via email to: awards@umkc.edu

Selection Process: The Provost will create a Service/Engagement Awards Selections Committee to review all service and engagement award nominations. The committee will be composed of nine members who have a demonstrated commitment to diversity and community engagement: two members from the Faculty Senate, two members from the Staff Council, two members from the office of Diversity, Access and Equity, one undergraduate student, one graduate and/or professional school student, and one additional member selected by the Provost. The Provost will appoint chair. Selections Committee members will serve three-year, staggered terms with the exception of students who serve for 1 year. The Selections Committee will meet at least once annually to review all nomination materials, meeting as often as necessary to determine the most qualified recipient based upon the guidelines above and submit its recommendation to the Provost. The Provost and Chancellor will make the final decision based upon the committee's recommendations. The Chancellor will announce the award recipients at a fall semester award ceremony. The Selections Committee may recommend that outstanding but unsuccessful nominations be carried forward for one or, in exceptional cases, two years. Such nominations could be updated if the nominator so chooses, but this is not required. In such cases, the nominators should be notified.

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The Provost will assign a non-voting staff coordinator to accept, assemble and distribute nominations materials, coordinate committee meetings, track award details for website posting and communications announcements, order commemorative plaque, and obtain award check for presentation to recipient.

Award Date: Awards will be presented during the fall semester annually.

Recognition: Recipient will be recognized on the UMKC Awards website, and presented with award check and commemorative plaque at appropriate UMKC awards event.

FACULTY AWARDS FOR ENGAGEMENT

Name _____ Employee ID _____

Title _____

Department _____

Campus mailing address _____

Date joined University of Missouri _____

Criteria

Community Engagement Award

The criteria for the Community Engagement Award include:

- Highly engaged, sustained service to a community;
- Contribution to an environment that encourages the academic, cultural, economic, spiritual or social development of members of a community; and
- Engagement with students, local community groups, or organizations through volunteerism or academic programs to improve a community.

The activities may not be a part of the nominee's normal job responsibilities. There must be a connection between the recipient's community activities and the university, but the connection may be indirect in nature. There is no time limit on when contributions were made.

Cross-Cultural Engagement Award

The criteria for the Cross-Cultural Engagement Award include:

- Demonstration of success in promoting cross-cultural activities or understanding through classroom or student service activities; or
- Demonstration of success in promoting cross-cultural activities or understanding through direct service to global or regional efforts that relate back to the University;

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- *In all cases, cross-cultural engagement is defined by concern with exchange beyond the boundaries of the nation or a cultural group.*

The nomination packet shall include:

1. The completed cover sheet.
2. A letter of support from the nominator. Limit: two pages.
3. A statement from the nominee providing additional or clarifying information to strengthen the nomination. Limit: 500 words.
4. A CV of five pages or less emphasizing material relevant to the award.
5. Up to five additional letters of support which may include external referees. Limit: two pages each.

Materials utilizing font size smaller than 10 point will not be accepted.

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Nominee's statement regarding guidelines

I understand that if the page limit on my CV or the word limit on my statement is exceeded, this nomination will be returned without consideration.

Signature of nominee _____

Please scan the signed nomination packet and submit electronically to your provost's office by 02 April 2018, with a courtesy copy to the nominee's chair or administrative head. The provost office will forward to the UM Office of Academic Affairs.

Name the file as follows:

2013CommAwdLastFirst.pdf or 2013CrossCultAwdLastFirst.pdf
(e.g., 2013CommAwdSmithAgnes.pdf or 2013CrossCultAwdSmithJohn.pdf).