

Please nominate deserving faculty and MBMG staff for the 2020 Distinguished Researcher Awards

Since 2002, Montana Tech has presented annual **Distinguished Researcher** Awards to honor faculty and MBMG staff for their contributions to research and scholarly activity. Each award includes an award plaque, a listing on the Researcher Award Plaque in the hallway of the MG building, and \$1,000 for an annual award or \$2000 for a lifetime award. Up to four awards may be conferred each year. In addition, up to one **Lifetime Distinguished Researcher** Award may be granted to celebrate the recipient's extraordinary, long-term research accomplishments at Montana Tech. **Please read carefully, because there are two deadlines this year.**

Please nominate deserving candidates for the **Distinguished Researcher** and **Lifetime Distinguished Researcher** Awards. **Nominees for 2019, who were not selected, will be considered for 2020, and we encourage updating of those nomination packages.** Individuals are welcome to self-nominate.

The deadline for a simple nomination will be February 20, 2020. This is a simple nomination, submitted by email to researchoffice@mtech.edu. Please provide the name and department of the nominee. No supporting materials are required. The Research Office will inform the nominated individuals promptly, so the nominee will have enough time to gather and submit their own nomination package by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020.

If you are going to nominate someone and submit a nomination which includes all of the supporting materials, the nomination package will be due Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5 p.m. Early submissions are encouraged. Late packages will not be reviewed.

Thursday, February 19, 2020, 5 p.m. – Simple Nominations are due to researchoffice@mtech.edu
Monday, March 9, 2020, 5 p.m. – Nomination Packages are due to researchoffice@mtech.edu or drop off a hard copy to the Research Office. (Museum 211)

The awards will be presented at the Montana Tech Service Awards gathering in April 2020. Anyone is eligible to be a nominator.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD

OBJECTIVES: The purpose of this program is to recognize outstanding contributions to campus research and scholarly activity by the faculty and staff of Montana Tech. The program will make up to four awards annually in the amount of \$1,000: three to members of the Montana Tech faculty and one to a member of the MBMG staff. This award is known as the Montana Tech Distinguished Researcher Award. A special one-time Lifetime Distinguished Researcher Award that recognizes the sustained, long-term career accomplishments of senior faculty and researchers may also be made. The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) oversees the Distinguished Researcher Award Program. The RAC appoints a subcommittee of six members, the Research Awards Subcommittee (RAS), to administer the award program. Information about previous awardees and the RAS membership is provided at the end of this announcement.

ELIGIBILITY: Faculty members of Montana Tech, Highlands College, or employees of the MBMG on Board of Regents or Letter contract are eligible for the award. Part-time or adjunct faculty may be eligible if the research efforts being recognized were performed at Montana Tech or Highlands College. Any individual who has received a Distinguished Researcher Award during the past three years shall not be eligible for nomination this time. An individual may only receive one Lifetime Distinguished Researcher Award during his or her career.

Once a nominee HAS received a Lifetime Distinguished Researcher Award, that individual would no longer be eligible for an annual award in the future. Up to one awardee may be selected in each category: MBMG, SME, CLSPS, Highlands College and Lifetime.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Nomination Package must include the following:

1. A Nomination cover letter not longer than 2 pages, which names the nominee, and provides a one-to two-sentence summary of the nominee's research accomplishments, along with more detailed description and summary justification for choosing the nominee. The nomination should emphasize, for example the proposals, projects, papers, presentations, funding, mentoring of students in research, leadership of research initiatives, fostering of research partnerships or collaborations, etc. Pedagogical research, disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, and other forms of creative scholarship are eligible.
2. The nominee's current *curriculum vitae*.
3. Two letters of support emphasizing the nominee's accomplishments and contributions in research and creative scholarship. If the nomination is a self-nomination, letters of support from three references are required. Lifetime award nominations need three letters of support.
4. Copies of up to two recent examples of published papers (or the equivalent for the discipline). Recent publication dates span 2015 through 2020.

Note: Only research conducted while the nominee has been a member of the Montana Tech faculty will be considered. Please include any research you have done during your time at Montana Tech in collaboration with other institutions, even if that research was done off campus. Please do not submit any additional materials, as they will be ignored. A single electronic, PDF nomination file is preferred. All materials must be submitted together. We cannot handle separately submitted letters, CVs, and papers. If it is not possible to prepare an electronic PDF version, please submit to the Research Office one package, containing all the documents in paper form, and the Research Office will prepare the single PDF File.

Recent Awardees are listed below and they are not eligible in 2020. The 2020 RAS members are Elizabeth Meredith (MGMB), John Amtmann (SHIH), Bill Ryan (Highlands), Katie Hailer (Chemistry), Katherine Zodrow (Env. Eng.) and Robert Pal (Biology, Chairperson).

	2017	2018	2019
SME	Matt Donnelly, Elec. Eng.	John Amtmann, SHIH	Katherine Zodrow, Env. Eng.
CLSPS	Katie Hailer, CHEM	Robert Pal, BIO.	Isabel Sobral Campos
HIGHLANDS		Bill Ryan	
MBMG	Colleen Elliot		Elizabeth Meredith
LIFETIME	Dan Trudnowski, Elec. Eng. Chris Gammons, Geol. Eng.	Hsin-Hsiung Huang, MET.	Michael Stickney, MBMG

2002	2003	2004
Chris Gammons, Geol. Eng.	Kumar Ganesan, Env. Eng.	Don Stierle, Chemistry
Marv Miller & Karen Porter, MBMG	Mike Stickney, MBMG	David Lopez, MBMG
Larry Twidwell, M&ME Lifetime	Ted Duaime, MBMG, & Rick Douglass, Biology Lifetime	Bob Ziegler, Lib. Studies & Wayne Van Voast, MBMG Lifetime

2005	2006	2007
Corby Anderson, CAMP	Mary MacLaughlin, Geol. Eng.	Rick Donovan, Gen. Eng.
John Wheaton, MBMG	Jon Reiten, MBMG	
Dick Berg, MBMG Lifetime	Bob Bergantino, MBMG Lifetime	Larry Smith, MBMG

2008	2010	2009
Amy Kuenzi, Biology	Xiaobing Zhou, Geophysical Eng.	Steve Parker, Chemistry
Dan Trudnowski, Elec. Eng.	Rick Douglass, Biology	Courtney Young, M&ME
	Gary Icopini, MBMG	Susan Vuke, MBMG
Tom Patton, MBMG & Andrea Stierle, Chemistry Lifetime		

2011	2012	2013
Martha Apple, Biology	Chris Gammons, Geol. Eng.	Raj Kasinath, Envir. Eng.
	Chris Danielson, Lib. Studies	Suzan Gazioglu, Math. Sci.
John LaFave, MBMG	Jeff Lonn, MBMG	Nick Tucci, MBMG
Bob Ziegler, Lib. Studies, Lifetime	Robin McCulloch, MBMG, Lifetime	Rick Rossi, Math. Sci. Lifetime

2014	2015	2016
N/A	Jack Skinner, General Engineering	Jerry Downey, Metallurgical & Mat. Engineering
Keith Vertanen, Computer Science	Waleed Al-Rawashdeh, Math. Sci	Marisa Pedulla, Bio.Sciences
		Elyse Lovell, Highlands
	Ginette Abdo, MBMG	Katie McDonald, MBMG
Amy Kuenzi, Biological Sciences, Lifetime	Susan Vuke, MBMG, & Stephen Parker, Chemistry Lifetime	Courtney Young, Metallurgical & Mat. Eng. Lifetime

See previous section for 2017 through 2019 awardees.