

PLEASE NOMINATE DESERVING FACULTY & MBMG STAFF FOR THE 2025 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. Deadlines are as follows:

- **Tuesday, February 27, 2025, 5:00 pm** **First Round Nominations (Name and department) are due to kstevens@mtech.edu.**
- **Tuesday, March 19, 2025, 5:00 pm** **Nomination Packages are due to kstevens@mtech.edu.**

For First Round nominations, anyone is eligible to nominate, and individuals are welcome to self-nominate. The first-round nomination includes name and department of the nominee, submitted by email to kstevens@mtech.edu. The Research Office will inform the nominated individuals promptly, so the nominee will have enough time to submit their full nomination package by 5 pm on March 19, 2025. **Late packages will not be reviewed.**

The awards will be presented at the Montana Tech Service Awards gathering in April 2025.

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.

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 Full 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 2018 through 2025.

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. All materials must be submitted together as a single PDF file.

A list of past recipients of the award is available here: [Distinguished Researcher Awards - Montana Tech \(mtech.edu\)](#)

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