TULANE UNIVERSITY
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for Research

2026 TULANE RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Description of Awards and Award Criteria

The Tulane Research, Scholarship, and Artistic Achievement Awards are given annually to honor outstanding scholars and to recognize exceptional research achievement and impact on advancing knowledge, innovation, or creativity in science, engineering, health, arts, humanities, education, and other academic fields of study. Award descriptions and nomination materials a described below.

1. **Tulane Research Hall of Fame Award** – *nominations accepted for faculty members from all schools except the School of Medicine*
    a. Description: This prestigious lifetime achievement award recognizes a nationally and internationally renowned scholar/investigator who has made substantial contributions to advancing knowledge, innovation, or creativity over their career.
    b. Nominations to include:
        i. Current curriculum vitae of nominee
        ii. Description or list of nominee's key contributions related to the award for they are being nominated (not to exceed 300 words)
    c. Nominees will be reviewed by members of the Tulane Research Council who prepare a prioritized list of all nominees.
    d. Names of the top five prioritized nominees are returned to the nominators to gather the following materials:
        i. A letter of support from the primary nominator with signatures of up to five individuals (this may be other Tulane faculty, staff, students/trainees)
        ii. Separate letter(s) of support from up to four colleagues outside of Tulane endorsing national and international recognition. Letters are limited to two pages each, excluding signatures. External letters of support should be sent to the nominator for uploading to the nomination form.
    e. The final nomination packets are sent to the Tulane president and provost for review. The president and provost will make the final awardee(s) choice.
    f. Will be awarded by the President.
    g. May not be awarded every year, or, multiple awards may be awarded in the same year at the discretion of the president and provost.
    h. The recipient will receive a custom-made medal and a monetary award.
    i. Once awarded, the faculty member awardee is ineligible to receive the award again.

2021 Hall of Fame Awardees: Elizabeth Boone (SLA), Robert Force (Law), Jiang He (SPHTM), L. Gabriel Navar (SOM)

2022 Hall of Fame Awardees: Dennis Kehoe (SLA), James Robinson (SOM/TNPRC), Paul Whelton (SPHTM)

2023 Hall of Fame Awardees: Lisa Fauci (SSE), Robert Garry (SOM), John Perdew (SSE)

2024 Hall of Fame Awardees: Pierre Buekens (SPHTM), Jeffrey Tasker (SSE)

2025 Hall of Fame Awardees: James Gordley (Law), Preston Marx (SPHTM)

2. **Andrew Schally Tulane Research Hall of Fame Award** – *nominations accepted for only School of Medicine faculty members*
    a. Description: Named for Andrew Schally, the 1977 Nobel Prize winner in Physiology or Medicine, this prestigious lifetime achievement award recognizes a nationally and internationally renowned scholar/investigator in the School of Medicine who had made substantial contributions to advancing knowledge, innovation, or creativity over their career.
    b. Nominations to include:
        i. Current curriculum vitae of nominee
        ii. Description or list of nominee's key contributions related to the award for they are being nominated (not to exceed 300 words)
    c. Nominees will be reviewed by members of the Tulane Research Council who prepare a prioritized list of all nominees.
    d. Names of the top five prioritized nominees are returned to the nominators to gather the following materials:
        i. A letter of support from the primary nominator with signatures of up to five individuals (this may be other Tulane faculty, staff, students/trainees)
        ii. Separate letter(s) of support from up to four colleagues outside of Tulane endorsing national and international recognition. Letters are limited to two pages each, excluding signatures. External letters of support should be sent to the nominator for uploading to the nomination form.
    e. The final top five nominee packets are sent to the School of Medicine dean and executive dean to prioritize.
    f. The prioritized list of five nominees, along with their nomination packets are sent to the Tulane president and provost for review. The president and provost will make the final awardee choice.
    g. Will be awarded by the president.
    h. May not be awarded every year, or multiple awards may be awarded in the same year at the discretion of the president and provost.
    i. The recipient will receive a custom-made medal and a monetary award.
    j. Once awarded, the faculty member awardee is ineligible to receive a Hall of Fame award again.

2025 Andrew Schally Research Hall of Fame Awardee: Russell Van Dyke (SOM)

3. **Spirit of Tulane Award**
    a. Description: This award recognizes outstanding achievements of a scholar/investigator **during the prior calendar year** whose work embodies the Tulane motto: *Non sibi, sed suis* (Not for oneself, but for one's own) while enhancing the research mission through education, creative expression, mentorship, and collaborative effort to advance knowledge, innovation, or creativity.
    b. Nominations to include:
        i. Current curriculum vitae of nominee
        ii. Description or list of nominee's key contributions related to the award for they are being nominated (not to exceed 300 words)
    c. Nominees will be reviewed by members of the Tulane Research Council who prepare a prioritized list of all nominees.
    d. Names of the top five prioritized nominees are returned to the nominators to gather the following materials:
        i. A letter of support from the primary nominator with signatures of up to five individuals (this may be other Tulane faculty, staff, students/trainees)
        ii. Separate letter(s) of support from up to four colleagues outside of Tulane endorsing national and international recognition. Letters are limited to two pages each, excluding signatures. External letters of support should be sent to the nominator for uploading to the nomination form.
    e. The final nomination packets are sent to the president and provost for review. The president and provost will make the final awardee(s) choice.
    f. Will be awarded by the president.
    g. The recipient will receive an engrave plaque.
    h. Once awarded, the faculty member awardee is ineligible to receive the award for the next three subsequent years.

2021 Spirit of Tulane Awardees: Mia Bagernis (SLA), Gregory Bix (SOM), Monica Vaccari (TNPRC/SOM)

2022 Sprit of Tulane Awardees: Mead Allison (SSE), Tracy Fischer (TNPRC/SOM), Jesse Keenan (Arch), Hua Lu (SOM)

2023 Spirit of Tulane Awardees: Denys Bondar (SSE), Charles Figley (SSW), Laila Hlass (Law), Margaritz Jover (Arch)

2024 Spirit of Tulane Awardees: Karissa Haugeberg (SLA), Kailash Pandey (SOM)

2025 Spirit of Tulane Awardees: Jordan Karubian (SSE), Nicholas Maness (TNBRC/SOM)

4. **Innovation Award**
    a. Description: This award recognizes a scholar/investigator who develops and explores novel ideas, approaches, and insights through their interdisciplinary scholarship to address clinical, public health, or societal challenges.
    b. Nominations to include:
        i. Current curriculum vitae of nominee
        ii. Description or list of nominee's key contributions related to the award for they are being nominated (not to exceed 300 words)
    c. Nominees will be reviewed by members of the Tulane Research Council who prepare a prioritized list of all nominees.
    d. Names of the top five prioritized nominees are returned to the nominators to gather the following materials:
        i. A letter of support from the primary nominator with signatures of up to five individuals (this may be other Tulane faculty, staff, students/trainees)
        ii. Separate letter(s) of support from up to four colleagues outside of Tulane endorsing national and international recognition. Letters are limited to two pages each, excluding signatures. External letters of support should be sent to the nominator for uploading to the nomination form.
    e. The final nomination packets are sent to the president and provost for review. The president and provost will make the final awardee(s) choice.
    f. Will be awarded by the provost.
    g. The award recipient will receive an engraved plaque.
    h. Once awarded, the faculty member awardee is ineligible to receive the award for three subsequent years.

2021 Innovation Awardees: Tony Hu (SOM), Tanika Kelly (SPHTM), Nora Lustig (SLA)

2022 Innovation Awardees: Mayan Excavation Team of Marcello Canuto (SLA), Francisco Estrada-Belli (SLA), and Luke Auld-Thomas (SLA), Michael Moore (SSE), Lu Qi (SPHTM), Maybell Romero (Law)

2023 Innovation Awardees: Robert Blair (TNPRC/SOM), Kirsten Dorans (SPHTM) Clair Senot (Bus)

2024 Innovation Awardees: Eric Dumonteil (SPHTM), Kyle Straub (SSE)

2025ovation Awardees: Alexis Culotta (SLA)

5. **Entrepreneurship Award**
    a. Description: this award is given to the scholar/investigator whose contribution to entrepreneurship is reflected in the record of sustained entrepreneurship and new venture creation. Criteria for consideration include:
        i. Creation of at least one new venture
        ii. Demonstrated commercial feasibility and/or societal impact
        iii. Successful capital raise or receipt of SBIR/STTR awards
        iv. Economic impact through job creation and awards
        v. Major partnerships or contracts that support commercialization/development
        vi. Other external evidence that points to an entrepreneurial venture that is currently, or that will be, successful.
    a. Nominations to include:
        i. Current curriculum vitae of nominee
        ii. Description or list of nominee's key contributions related to the award for they are being nominated (not to exceed 300 words)
    b. Nominees will be reviewed by members of the Tulane Research Council who prepare a prioritized list of all nominees.
    c. Names of the top five prioritized nominees are returned to the nominators to gather the following materials:
        i. A letter of support from the primary nominator with signatures of up to five individuals (this may be other Tulane faculty, staff, students/trainees)
        ii. Separate letter(s) of support from up to four colleagues outside of Tulane endorsing national and international recognition. Letters are limited to two pages each, excluding signatures. External letters of support should be sent to the nominator for uploading to the nomination form.
    d. The final nomination packets are sent to the Vice President for Research and the Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurship Officer. The Vice President for Research and the Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurship Officer will make the final awardee choice.
    e. Will be awarded by the Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurship Officer.
    f. The award recipient will receive an engraved plaque.

2023 Entrepreneurship Awardee: Wayne Reed (SSE)

2024 Entrepreneurship Awardee: Tony Hu (SOM)

2025 Entrepreneurship Awardee: Chad Roy (SOM)

6. **IP Innovator Award**
    a. Description: this award recognizes the scholar/investigator who develops new, patentable IP that leads to or is expected to lead to a licensable technology or commercialization event. Criteria for consideration includes sustained patent and commercialization success that would make an investigator an actual or near- or medium-term candidate for National Academy of Inventors (NAI) Fellowship. Award criteria also include that considered by the NAI, including:
        i. Impact on society and public welfare
        ii. Support and enhancement of innovation culture
        iii. Patent and licensing activity
        iv. Career scholarship, tenure, and impact on profession
        v. Market potential of innovations and strength of commercial progress.
    b. Nominations to include:
        i. Current curriculum vitae of nominee
        ii. Description or list of nominee's key contributions related to the award for they are being nominated (not to exceed 300 words)
    c. Nominees will be reviewed by members of the Tulane Research Council who prepare a prioritized list of all nominees.
    d. Names of the top five prioritized nominees are returned to the nominators to gather the following materials:
        i. A letter of support from the primary nominator with signatures of up to five individuals (this may be other Tulane faculty, staff, students/trainees)
        ii. Separate letter(s) of support from up to four colleagues outside of Tulane endorsing national and international recognition. Letters are limited to two pages each, excluding signatures. External letters of support should be sent to the nominator for uploading to the nomination form.
    g. The final nomination packets are sent to the Vice President for Research and the Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurship Officer. The Vice President for Research and the Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurship Officer will make the final awardee choice.
    e. Will be awarded by the Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurship Officer.
    f. The award recipient will receive an engraved plaque.

2023 IP Innovator Awardee: Dawn Wesson (SPHTM)

2024 IP Innovator Awardee: James McLachlan (SOM), Lisa Morici (SOM)

2025 IP Innovator Awardee: Monica Embers (TNBRC)

7. **Tulane Galaxy Award**
    a. Description: The award recognizes substantial achievements of a scholar/investigator who has a strong five-year history of funding and of enhancing Tulane's research mission through scholarship, education, mentorship, and collaborative efforts.
    b. Nominations to include:
        i. Current curriculum vitae of nominee
        ii. Description or list of nominee's key contributions related to the award for they are being nominated (not to exceed 300 words)
    c. Nominees will be reviewed by members of the Tulane Research Council who prepare a prioritized list of all nominees.
    d. Names of the top five prioritized nominees are returned to the nominators to gather the following materials:
        i. A letter of support from the primary nominator with signatures of up to five individuals (this may be other Tulane faculty, staff, students/trainees)
        ii. Separate letter(s) of support from up to four colleagues outside of Tulane endorsing national and international recognition. Letters are limited to two pages each, excluding signatures. External letters of support should be sent to the nominator for uploading to the nomination form.
    e. The final nomination packets are sent to the president and provost for review. The president and provost will make the final awardee(s) choice.
    f. Will be awarded by the provost.
    g. The recipient will receive an engrave plaque.
    h. Once awarded, the faculty member awardee is ineligible to receive the award for the next three subsequent years.

2021 Tulane Galaxy Awardees: Hank Ashbaugh (SSE), Lydia Bazzano (SPHTM), Douglas Harris (SLA), Lisa Morici (SOM)

2022 Tulane Galaxy Awardees: Lisa Fauci (SSE), Katherine Mills (SPHTM), Chad Roy (SOM/TNPRC), Jesmyn Ward (SLA)

2023 Tulane Galaxy Awardees: Jill Daniel (SSE), Tony Hu (SOM)

2024 Tulane Galaxy Awardee: Ronald Veazey (TNPRC)

2025 Tulane Galaxy Awardees: Emily Harville (WSPH), Courtney Bryan SLA)

8. **Student/Trainee Research Mentoring Award**
    a. Description: recognizes an exception research mentor.
    b. Nominations to include:
        i. Current curriculum vitae of nominee
        ii. Description or list of nominee's key contributions related to the award for they are being nominated (not to exceed 300 words)
    c. Nominees will be reviewed by members of the Tulane Research Council who prepare a prioritized list of all nominees.
    d. Names of the top five prioritized nominees are returned to the nominators to gather the following materials:
        i. A letter of support should be provided by the Associate Dean for Research (ADR or designee) for the school/unit. An additional letter of support may be provided with signatures from up to five Tulane students/trainees. Only one nomination per school will move on to the third round. Letters are limited to two pages each, excluding signatures.
    e. The final nomination packets are sent to the associate provost for the health sciences. The associate provost for the health sciences will make the awardee choice.
    f. Will be awarded by the associate provost for the health sciences.
    g. The award recipient will receive an engraved plaque.
    h. Once awarded, the faculty member is ineligible to receive the award for three subsequent years.

2021 Research Mentoring Awardees: Patricia Kissinger (SPHTM), Jana Lipman (SLA)

2022 Research Mentoring Awardees: Cariappa Annaiah (TNPRC/SOM), Ryan Glasser (SSE)

2023 Research Mentoring Awardees: James Huck (SLA), Saru Matambanadzo (Law)

2024 Research Mentoring Awardee: Sarah Lindsey (SOM)

2025 Research Mentoring Awardees: Elliott Isaac (SLA), Monica Embers (TNBRC/SOM)

9. **Convergence Award**
    a. Description: This award recognizes a Tulane scholar/investigator or team of scholars/investigators who successfully collaborate(s) across schools, units, and departments to surpass traditional academic disciplines and further the research mission.
    b. Nominations to include:
        i. Current curriculum vitae of nominee
        ii. Description or list of nominee's key contributions related to the award for they are being nominated (not to exceed 300 words)
    c. Nominees will be reviewed by members of the Tulane Research Council who prepare a prioritized list of all nominees.
    d. Names of the top five prioritized nominees are returned to the nominators to gather the following materials:
        i. A letter of support from the primary nominator with signatures of up to five individuals (this may be other Tulane faculty, staff, students/trainees) Letter is limited to two pages each, excluding signatures.
    e. The final nomination packets are sent to the vice president for research for review. The vice president for research will make the final awardee(s) choice.
    f. Will be awarded by the vice president for research.
    g. The award recipient will receive an engraved plaque.
    h. Once awarded, the faculty member is ineligible to receive the award for three subsequent years.

2021 Convergence Awardees: Stacy Drury (SOM), Jay Rappaport (TNPRC)

2022 Convergence Awardees: Daniel Burnston (SLA), Tiffany Lin (Arch), Lisa Molix (SSE), Xuebin Qin (TNPRC, SOM), Emilie Taylor Welty (Arch), Yu-Ping Wang (SSe)

2023 Convergence Awardees: Michael Burke (Bus), Hong-Wen Deng (SOM)

2024 Convergence Awardees: Bryon Mouton (Arch), Frédéric Sourgens (Law)

2025 Convergence Awardees: J. Quincy Brown (SSE) and Brian Summa (SSE), Aron Culotta (SSE)

10. Rising Star Award

a. Description: Recognizes the work of an assistant professor with five years of appointment of Tulane who demonstrates exceptional growth and impact in one or more research areas.
b. Nominations to include:
    i. Current curriculum vitae of nominee
    ii. Description or list of nominee's key contributions related to the award for they are being nominated (not to exceed 300 words)
c. Nominees will be reviewed by members of the Tulane Research Council who prepare a prioritized list of all nominees.
d. Names of the top five prioritized nominees are returned to the nominators to gather the following materials:
    i. A letter of support from the primary nominator with signatures of up to five individuals (this may be other Tulane faculty, staff, students/trainees)
    ii. Separate letter(s) of support from up to four colleagues outside of Tulane endorsing national recognition. Letters are limited to two pages each, excluding signatures. External letters of support should be sent to the nominator for uploading to the nomination form.
e. The final nomination packets are sent to the associate provost for the health sciences for review. The associate provost for the health sciences will make the final awardee(s) choice.
f. Will be awarded by the vice president for research.
g. The award recipient will receive an engraved plaque.
h. Once awarded, the faculty member is ineligible to receive the award again.

2021 Rising Star Awardees: Courtney Bryan (SLA), Michael Naguib (SSE), Maeve Wallace (SPHTM)

2022 Rising Star Awardees: Julia Fleckman (SPHTM), Nicholas Sandoval (SSE)

2023 Rising Star Awardees: Changwei Li (SPHTM), Nicholas Mattei (SSE)

2024 Rising Star Awardee: Sönke Dangendorf

2025 Rising Star Awardees: Jorge Castorena (SOM), Ilana Horwitz (SLA)

11. **Funding Awards (2)** – *nominations are not accepted for these awards*
    The three awards are, 1. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) funding, and 2. Medical/Biomedical funding, and 3. Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences funding (AHSS).
    a. Description: These awards recognize a scholar/investigator who has been awarded the largest combined dollar amount of funding for direct costs during the prior calendar year. One award will be presented to STEM areas of research, one award to the Medical/Biomedical areas, and one award will be presented to Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences areas of research.
    b. The recipients will be identified by supporting data from the Sponsored Projects Administration office.
    c. Will be awarded by the vice president for research.
    d. The award recipients will each receive an engraved plaque.

2021 Funding Awardees: STEM - Chad Roy (TNPRC), AHSS – Adrian Anagnost (SLA), Mia Barneris (SLA)

2022 Funding Awardees: STEM - Jane Bertrand (SOM), Robert Garry (SOM), Jay Rappaport (TNPRC), AHSS - Amanda Hill (Cowen Institute), Maurita Poole (Newcomb Art Museum)

2023 Funding Awardees: STEM - Lydia Bazzano (SPHTM), AHSS - Kelly McClure (SOPA)

2024 Funding Awardees: STEM – Emily Harville (SPHTM), AHSS – Hazel Woods (SOPA)

2025 Funding Awardees: STEM – Allison Trigg (SOM), AHSS – Marcello Canuto (SLA)

12. Citation Award – *nominations are not accepted for this award*

a. Description: This award recognizes the author of the peer-reviewed article with the highest number of citations, published during the prior calendar year. The recipient must be the corresponding author and Tulane must be the corresponding institution.
b. The recipient will be identified by supporting data from the Office of Assessment and Institutional Research and the Office of the Dean of Libraries and Academic Information Resources. The detailed process is as follows:
    i. Tulane authored articles published in the prior calendar year are identified;
    ii. The number of citations attributed to the articles in that year are determined. Because counts of citations can vary slightly by source, several sources are referenced and synthesized to ensure the top-cited articles are identified;
    iii. The result is a list of the articles with the highest number of citations, organized in descending order, with the highest number of citations in the prior calendar year first. Beginning at the top of the list, the corresponding author and corresponding institution for each article is determined. Identifying the corresponding author is a fairly manual process, primarily using Web of Science and the websites of the journals, as this is not a piece of information typically included in databases. The corresponding author and institution is identified for about the first 25 articles on the list. Typically, it is at least several articles down the list before coming to one with the corresponding author being from Tulane and with Tulane as the corresponding institution;
    iv. The top five most highly cited articles published in the prior calendar year, with a Tulane author and Tulane as the corresponding institution, is then reviewed by the assistant provost for assessment and institutional research and the dean of libraries to ensure agreement and no overlap between the prospective recipients of the Best Journal Article and the Citation award;
    v. The author/article recipient is provided to the Office of Research.
c. Will be awarded by the dean of libraries and information resources and the assistant provost for assessment and institutional research.
d. The award recipient will receive an engraved plaque.
e. Once awarded, the article is ineligible to receive the award in subsequent years.

2021 Citation Awardee: Robert Garry (SOM)

2022 Citation Awardee: Oliver Sartor (SOM)

2023 Citation Awardee: Joe Iwanaga (SOM)

2024 Citation Awardee: Lu Qi (SPHTM)

2025 Citation Awardee: Yi-Ping Li (SOM)

13. **Publication Awards (3)** – *nominations are not accepted for these awards*
    There is one journal article award, and two book awards, 1. for scholarly impact; and 2. for social impact.
    a. Description: These awards are designed to honor scholars and investigators for their exceptional contributions to academic literature by acknowledging the: 1. Best journal article published in the preceding calendar year, and 2. The books with the greatest scholarly impact and the book with the greatest social impact published within 24 months of the award selection date, which occurs annually in August. These awards recognize significant contributions to the scholarly record at the intersection of impact, merit, and relevance.
    b. The recipients will be identified by the dean of libraries and academic information resources and the assistant provost for assessment and institutional research.
    c. Will be awarded by the dean of libraries and academic information resources and the assistant provost for assessment and institutional research.
    d. The award recipient will receive an engraved plaque.

2021 Publication Awardees: Journal Article – J. Quincy Brown, SSE, Book – Andrew Horowitz (SLA)

2022 Publication Awardees: Journal Article – Chad Roy (SOM/TNPRC), Book – Walter Isaacson (SLA), Golan Moskowitz (SLA)

2023 Publication Awardees: Journal Article – Tracy Fischer (SOM/TNPRC), Book – Yuri Herrera-Guitierrez (SLA)

2024 Publication Awardee: Journal Article – Sönke Dangendorf (SSE), Book – Jesmyn Ward (SLA)

2025 Publication Awardee: Lu Qi (WSPH), Book/Social Impact – Rob Lalka (Bus), Book/Scholarly Impact – Nghana tamu Lewis (SLA)