



Office of the Vice President for Research

2025 Request for Nominations

~ *Interdisciplinary Scholarship Award* ~

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The Vice President for Research is soliciting nominations for the Interdisciplinary Scholarship Awards. Two awards will be given that recognize either an individual or a team whose interdisciplinary scholarship has had a major impact nationally and/or internationally, or who have demonstrated their potential to do so. One individual and one group of scholars will be recognized. The Interdisciplinary Scholarship Award recognizes and includes faculty members as well as Research Scientists/Scholars. Each awardee will receive \$10,000 in funding to support the recipient’s research and/or scholarship program. The awards will be included in the spring *Celebrate! Colorado State Awards* programming.

A compelling description of the interdisciplinary nature of the team's work is a required component of the application materials. Competitive teams nominated for the interdisciplinary team award will likely comprise researchers (faculty, research associates, students, and staff) in different fields, across multiple departments, colleges, or institutions. Regardless of the makeup of the team, a CSU faculty member or Research Scientist/Scholar must be identified as a team leader for the team to be considered for the award. Self-nominations are encouraged.

For purposes of this award, the following definition of interdisciplinary scholarship will be used: *Interdisciplinary research is a mode of research by teams or individuals that integrates information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts, and/or theories from two or more disciplines or bodies of specialized knowledge to advance fundamental understanding or to solve problems whose solutions require fundamental research advances in multiple disciplines and research areas.*

There are two categories that will be considered for funding:

Category	Award Amount	Expected Number of Awards
Interdisciplinary Scholarship Team Award	\$10,000	1
Interdisciplinary Scholarship Individual Award	\$10,000	1

Examples of nominations that are particularly encouraged include: previous nominees; recent nominees for and recipients of other interdisciplinary awards; individuals with significant collaborations outside of their department or unit as well as across institutions and other non-



institutional partners; individuals and teams participating in community-engaged research and/or extension efforts; individuals and teams participating in activities that include joint basic, applied, and translational outcomes, including translation into practice, policy, and furthered scholarship; current or previous CIP/PRECIP teams; teams or individuals embedded within CIOsUs and other university Centers/Institutes/Networks, etc.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY

Nominations are open to both faculty members and Research Scientists/Scholars. All full-time, regular, and special appointment CSU faculty members, including both tenure track and non-tenure track, are eligible. Nominations are also open to those in the Research Scientists/Scholars career track. Research Scientists/Scholars are normally defined as PhD researchers who work independently on projects and who contribute original, creative work, and includes the Research Scientists/Scholar I, II, III and Senior Research Scientist Scholar titles. Nominations from the full spectrum of university research, scholarship, and artistry disciplines are strongly encouraged.

TIMELINE

Date	Event
February 24, 2025	Deadline for receipt of nominations
On or about Mar 17, 2025	Awardees notified
TBD, 2025	Celebrate! Colorado State Awards
On or about Aug 1, 2025	Estimated award date

NOMINATION APPLICATION COMPONENTS

The nomination application will consist of the following components:

Application Component	Content	Page Limit
Nomination Letter	Letter succinctly stating the relevance and impact of a research team's or individual's interdisciplinary scholarship activities, with emphasis on immediate past 5 years.	2
Curriculum Vitae of the Nominee(s)	Condensed CV(s) for each nominee emphasizing the past 5 years, combined into one single document.	5 per Nominee



<p>Brief Summary Statement of Interdisciplinary Scholarship</p>	<p>Compelling summary of the accomplishments or contributions upon which the nomination is based, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The major/key activities and interdisciplinary nature of the team's or individual's work to be recognized with this award; • A one-sentence citation of less than 30 words (Example: "Pat T. Smith is nominated for their exceptional contributions to the science, engineering, commercialization, and scholarship of nanoparticles, including its applications to materials science, biophysics, and cultural heritage.") 	<p>0.5</p>
<p>Evidence of the Relevance/Impact/Breadth of Scholarship</p>	<p>This may include, but is not limited to: publications and invited presentations at national and/or international venues; data regarding citations by other scientists of the nominees' published works; students involved in the interdisciplinary work and graduation outcomes; participation in community-engaged research and/or extension activities; translational outcomes; awards received, contracts and grants secured as an outcome of the interdisciplinary work; other interdisciplinary scholarly work, activities, or events arising from the interdisciplinary research being recognized (e.g. showings, recitals, workshops, colloquia, conferences hosted/organized, etc.).</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Letters of Support</p>	<p>Two (2) letters of support, combined into one single document.</p>	<p>1 per letter</p>

Formatting, all sections: 8.5" x 11" page size, single-spaced, 1" margins, typeface no smaller than 11-point Times New Roman, 11-point Calibri, or 10-point Arial.

Submission file format: Separate PDF document for each application component

EVALUATION

The Award Selection Committee shall comprise the Vice President for Research, one Associate or Assistant Vice President for Research, the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, one University Distinguished Professor, one University Distinguished Teaching Scholar, one Research Associate Dean, one Interdisciplinary Research Scholar, and one Monfort Professor. Additional input from supplementary reviewers may be solicited by the selection committee as needed.



SUBMISSION PROCESS

Nominations are **due by 5:00 p.m. MT on the submission deadline date (02/24/2025)** and must be submitted through the CSU InfoReady Review system. The system will not accept nominations after 5:00 p.m. and no late nominations will be accepted.

Accessing the CSU InfoReady Review system to submit:

1. From the opportunities list found at <https://colostate.infoready4.com/>, locate the “CSU – Interdisciplinary Scholarship Awards” opportunity, and click on the title to open the opportunity information page.
2. From the opportunity page, click on “Submit Nomination”.
3. Log in by clicking the “Colorado State University Login” button. Use your CSU NetID and password.
4. Complete all fields and upload all required components. You can save your nomination as a draft prior to submission.
5. Be sure to “Submit” your nomination. Nominations left as “draft” will not be reviewed.

CONTACT

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