

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS
2020 USC ASSOCIATES AWARD FOR
CREATIVITY IN RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: Monday, September 9, 2019, 5 pm



The USC Associates Awards are the highest honors the university can bestow on its members for distinguished achievements. Faculty from all schools and academic units are strongly encouraged to nominate colleagues with exceptional records of creativity in research for the:

USC Associates Award for Creativity in Research and Scholarship

Creativity in research may stem from a single brilliant idea or from a significant body of work that forms a coherent whole. Significant impact on a field of scholarship at the interface of disciplines, or creation of viable new areas of scholarly activity, are evidence of creativity.

Eligibility: Nominees must be full professors who have been at USC for a **minimum of five years**.

Two awards of \$3,500 each will be presented at the 2020 Academic Honors Convocation in April, 2020.

NOMINATION SUBMISSION

All nominations must be submitted using the Office of Research portal

<https://app.wizehive.com/webform/USCgrants> under "Associates Awards for Creativity in Research."

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Nominations should include the following elements:

1. *Nomination letter:* **not to exceed 1,000 words**, including the nominee's:
 - a. name, title and office address.
 - b. accomplishments and lifetime achievement. Explain succinctly why the nominee's contributions are exceptional.
 - c. specific accomplishments at USC, as well as,
 - d. record of scholarship. Provide a detailed description of the nominee's scholarship.
2. *Nominee Curriculum Vitae:* **not to exceed 10 pages**, including education, professional experience, publications and/or artistic products, and current funding (as applicable).

3. *Examples of work:* Submit three samples of work that represent the special contributions of the candidate. Please contact the Office of Research at vprsch@usc.edu if the samples of work are materials (e.g. books) that cannot be uploaded.
4. *Evaluators:* Submit the names of 10 individuals who could serve as evaluators of the nominee's accomplishments. Include evaluator e-mail address, job title and the name of the institution to which the evaluator is associated. **Evaluators should be recognized scholars, outside USC, in the relevant discipline(s) from highly ranked institutions.** Identify individuals with different perspectives about the candidate, especially if he or she is working in more than one field.

Nominations will be evaluated by a committee of distinguished faculty. **Candidates must demonstrate that they are recognized by their peers as one of the top few scholars in the world within a field of research with broad significance, based on a lifetime of scholarship.** They must also demonstrate that their research conducted while a faculty member at USC has had significant impact. The top candidates for this award will show that their work has been highly honored and cited and that they have also contributed to the research culture at USC.

Nominations will be considered for a period of three years. Thus, individuals nominated for the 2018 and 2019 award years will also be considered for the 2020 award (unless withdrawn by the nominating department).

For additional information or inquiries, please contact

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