REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS
2021 USC ASSOCIATES AWARD FOR CREATIVITY IN RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP
Deadline: Monday, November 2, 2020, 5 pm

The USC Associates Awards are the highest honors the university can bestow on its members for their 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, and may have significant impact on a field of scholarship, at the interface of disciplines, or create viable new areas of scholarly activity.

*Eligibility:* Nominees must be full professors who have been at USC for a *minimum of five years*. Tenure track and non-tenure track (NTT) full research professors are eligible; outstanding NTT faculty who make extraordinary contributions to the educational experience of students should be nominated to the *Associates Award for Excellence in Teaching*.

Two awards of $3,500 each will be presented at the 2021 Academic Honors Convocation in April, 2021.

**NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

Nominations should include the following elements:

1. **Nomination letter:** *not to exceed 3 pages*, including the nominee’s:
   a. Name, title, and USC office address.
   b. Accomplishments and lifetime achievements. Explain succinctly why the nominee's contributions are exceptional.
   c. Specific accomplishments at USC.
   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. **Bibliography** listing no more than twelve (12) of the nominee's most significant publications, providing hyperlinks, if available.

4. **Two letters of support.** Support letters must be written by recognized scholars outside of USC, from highly ranked institutions.

Nominations will be evaluated by a committee of distinguished faculty. *Nominations must demonstrate that the nominees are recognized by their peers as 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 as faculty at USC, has had significant impact, through high honors and citations, 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 2019 and 2020 award years will also be considered for the 2021 award (unless withdrawn by the nominating department).

**NOMINATION SUBMISSION**

Nominations must be submitted via the Office of Research portal: [https://research.usc.edu/usc-grants/](https://research.usc.edu/usc-grants/)

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