

College of Engineering

Innovators Award

The Innovators Award for the College of Engineering was established by the Engineering Experiment Station in 2007 and consists of \$1500 and a plaque. The award is presented each year to an individual or team of faculty and/or research scientists who best demonstrate innovation in the development of a product and/or technology originating from the OSU research enterprise. Innovation is defined as the act, process or product that creates a new dimension of performance. This award recognizes the achievements of an individual or team whose innovation has successfully translated the research emanating from our laboratories into new products and/or technologies that can be used by the public at large. The award will be presented at the annual College of Engineering Faculty Awards Dinner.

CRITERIA

The award will be made to an individual or team of College of Engineering faculty and/or research scientists in engineering or architecture who demonstrate excellence in innovation within their field. The winning entry can be the translation or application of research outcomes into a product, design or process, but it must exhibit technological novelty. The winning entry will be selected by a panel of technical experts based on the basis of its impact, uniqueness (novelty), connection to the research enterprise and societal benefit.

NOMINATIONS

Faculty members of the College of Engineering may make nominations. To assist the selection committee, please keep your nomination letter (no more than one page) and any supporting materials brief and to the point, yet with sufficient information to permit a rational selection. The nomination packet will include a curriculum vitae of the nominee and a brief (up to 2-page) document that answers the following questions:

1. Describe the primary reason why this entry should be considered for the Innovators award. In answering this question be sure to describe the entity (in layman's terms). What does it do? How does it do it? What theories, if any, are involved?
2. To what extent does the entry exploit and explore creative and original concepts?
3. What benefits to society or specific field of endeavor will the entry provide?
4. Describe the principal applications of this entry. List all other applications for which your entry can now be used.

Nominations must include a citation of no more than 50 words, highlighting the reasons for the nomination. This citation will be used in the program if the nominee is selected for this award.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will consist of the Associate Dean for Research, one or more senior representatives from the faculty of the College of Engineering, and a representative from the private sector.

DEADLINE

The application materials will all be submitted electronically. The total nomination package must be submitted by February 27, 2009.

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