



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**Awards for Excellence in
Faculty Research, Student Research,
and Research Mentoring**

Summary of Awards

The Mercer University School of Medicine (MUSM) will accept nominations for three research awards each academic year. These awards shall be for Excellence in: 1) Faculty Research; 2) Student Research; and 3) Research Mentoring.

Eligibility for Awards

All MUSM employed full-time faculty (tenured, tenure-track, research, or clinical) in at least their second year on faculty may be nominated for faculty awards. All full-time students in good standing in any MUSM academic program may be nominated for student awards. Faculty may self-nominate for the Faculty Research award and the Research Mentoring award, or be nominated by another faculty member or student. Nominations for the Student Research award must be made by a MUSM faculty member.

A faculty member may receive the Faculty Research or Research Mentoring award only once in a five-year period; however, a faculty member who receives the award in one category may be nominated for an award in the other category during the five-year period. Students may receive the Student Research award only once.

Faculty in Administrative Positions at the Associate Dean level or above are not eligible for awards. Faculty members who serve on the Awards Committee are also ineligible. Faculty award recipients will serve on the Awards Committee for the application cycle following the one in which they are awarded. Students will serve on the Awards Committee for the application cycle following the one in which they are awarded when possible.

Award recipients will deliver a MUSM-wide colloquium highlighting their work.

Award for Excellence in Faculty Research

The MUSM Award for Excellence in Faculty Research is based on research or research-related scholarship activities completed **during the previous five years**. Only research activities since joining the MUSM faculty will be considered. The research may be bench, quantitative, qualitative, clinical, and/or applied. Research supporting the mission of MUSM will be most competitive. Nominees **must be in at least their second year on faculty at MUSM**.

Criteria used in selecting the recipients for this award will include:

- Quantity and quality of peer-reviewed journal articles
- Quantity and quality of peer-reviewed presentations
- Receipt of extramural funding to support research
- Creation of intellectual property (e.g., innovations, patents) and publication of other scientific products (e.g., books, book chapters, white papers)
- Involvement in collaborative research with other faculty and students, including residents

Application Materials

upon request only

After receiving notification of nomination, the following material should be submitted in a single, organized PDF file:

1. A 1000 word maximum statement highlighting achievements in Research
2. Current CV report from Activity Insights (edited version acceptable)
3. A list of all peer-reviewed journal articles, including impact factors
4. A digital version of all peer-reviewed journal articles published in the past 5 years (while at MUSM only)
5. A list of all presentations delivered and book chapters published in the past 5 years (while at MUSM only)
6. A list of all extramural grants awarded or active in the past 5 years (while at MUSM only), including award amount, role on project, funding agency, and a description of the project

Award for Excellence in Student Research

The MUSM Award for Excellence in Student Research is based on research or research-related scholarship activities completed while a student within MUSM. The research may be bench, quantitative, qualitative, clinical, and/or applied. Research supporting the mission of MUSM will be most competitive. Nominees must be a full-time student in any of MUSM's academic programs.

Criteria used in selecting the recipients for this award will include:

- Quality of ongoing research initiatives
- Quantity and quality of peer-reviewed journal articles
- Quantity and quality of peer-reviewed presentations
- Publication of other scientific products (e.g., books, book chapters, white papers)
- Involvement in collaborative research with other faculty and students

Application Materials

upon request only

After receiving notification of nomination, the following material should be submitted in a single, organized PDF file:

1. A brief, narrative description of all research projects engaged in while at MUSM (1-2 paragraphs per project)
2. A digital version of all peer-reviewed journal articles published while a student at MUSM
3. A digital version of all presentations delivered while a student at MUSM
4. A digital version of all book chapters published while a student at MUSM

Award for Excellence in Research Mentoring

The MUSM Award for Excellence in Research Mentoring will recognize outstanding research mentorship on the part of a full-time faculty member within the previous five years.

Criteria used in selecting the recipients for this award will include:

- Evidence of excellence in student mentoring via curricular components (e.g., Master's thesis chair) and non-curricular components (e.g., inclusion of students in research activities outside of formal curriculum)
- Evidence of student/resident productivity and performance in research (e.g., co-authored publications and presentations)
- Evidence of mentorship of early-career MUSM faculty
- Participation in professional development to enhance mentoring skills

Application Materials *upon request only*

After receiving notification of nomination, the following material should be submitted in a single, organized PDF file:

1. A 1000 word maximum statement highlighting achievements in Research Mentoring
2. Current CV report from Activity Insights (edited version accepted)
3. List of student/resident mentees, project name, mentoring role with each student/resident (including curricular component when appropriate), and outcomes associated with mentorship (e.g., publications, presentations)
4. Summary of mentoring activities for early-career MUSM faculty, including names of mentees and relevant outcomes
5. Evidence of continued professional development to enhance mentoring skills

Nomination Form

Mercer University School of Medicine

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I nominate the below-named individual for the MUSM Award for (check one):

Faculty Research

Student Research

Research Mentoring

Name of Nominee: _____

Department (Faculty) or Academic Program (Student): _____

Email Address of Nominee: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Email Address of Nominator: _____

Please attach a **1-page maximum** letter of nomination detailing the reasons you feel the nominee should receive the award.