

Millikin University Research & Artistic Achievement Awards Program

Description & Purpose

In an effort to encourage and reward Research & Artistic Achievement and further promote creativity, development and lifelong learning by the faculty, Millikin University has developed the Research & Artistic Achievement Awards Program. This program is designed to celebrate the innovative scholarship and outstanding artistic achievements of full time faculty at Millikin University. The goals of the Research & Artistic Achievement Awards Program are to:

- celebrate outstanding faculty research and artistic achievement at Millikin University;
- increase awareness of what constitutes excellent research & artistic achievement;
- encourage faculty to strive to meet or to exceed these standards of excellence;
- reward faculty who exemplify ongoing, outstanding research & artistic achievement.

Award & Obligations

Recipients of the Research and Artistic Achievement Award will receive a \$1000 stipend for further faculty development purposes. Recipients will be expected to present on some aspect of their research or artistic achievement to the campus community, in a venue arranged with the Office of the Provost.

Eligibility

All who have completed a minimum of three years of full-time faculty service at Millikin University are eligible to apply for the Research & Artistic Achievement Award. Previous award recipients are eligible to apply after a minimum of three years has past since they received prior awards.

Defining Research & Artistic Achievement

The Millikin faculty embraces the notion that it should be defined as a "community of scholars." Scholars produce scholarship. Therefore, the production of scholarship is a natural and necessary activity at Millikin University and its pursuit is expected of the faculty. *Policies and Procedures* defines common elements, which ensure uniformity across the university in the area of research and artistic achievement (1.2.3.2).

1. Scholarship and artistic achievement may include exploration of new territory, or reevaluation of what is known or accomplished, or new translations, or new creative visions or performances, or the positioning of new interpretations, or the offering of new methods of conceptualization, or new methods of understanding.
2. Scholarship and artistic achievement includes a product, a performance, a text, a creation that is in some way put forth for review by one's peers—persons of at least equal expertise for evaluation, review, appraisal, collaboration, affirmation, and acceptance or denial.
3. Scholarship and artistic achievement requires engagement in the activity over time and periodically comes to formal closure. These activities, whether of seminal importance or the stature of a footnote, should be something with which faculty members are engaged in an ongoing fashion. By so doing, faculty offer themselves as role models for their students and further contribute to their field.

Application Process

Narrative:

To apply for the Research & Artistic Achievement Award, faculty members prepare a narrative of **five single-spaced pages or less** addressing how their scholarship or artistic achievement has met the following criteria:

1. **Exploration or Reevaluation:**

Research and artistic achievement includes exploration of new territory or reevaluation of what is known or accomplished, including translations, creative visions or performances, or the

positioning of new interpretations or methods of understanding.

2. Engagement over time:

Research and artistic achievement require engagement in an agenda of research or artistic endeavor over time.

3. Products, performances, or texts recognized as excellent by peers:

Excellence in research and artistic achievement is noted and recognized by peers through processes resulting in acceptance for publication, acceptance or invitation for public performance or presentation, reviews of a product or performance, or awards and recognition received for the quality of the product or performance.

4. Contextualization of peer review sources:

Excellence in research and artistic achievement is validated by peers, whether individual or organizational, recognized for their stature, credibility and expertise in the discipline.

5. Contribution to Millikin and its students:

Ongoing research and artistic achievement allow faculty to serve as role models for their students and make contributions to Millikin University as a site for intellectual inquiry and artistic development. Faculty research and artistic achievement result in opportunities for student collaboration.

Additional Supporting Materials:

- Current Curriculum Vita
- Letter of support from chair, director, or dean
- Letter of support from a colleague in the same discipline (on campus or not) who knows, understands, and can contextualize your work
- Artifacts representative of your work over time

Deadline & Application Process

Research & Artistic Achievement Award applications are **due electronically by January 24** (the first Friday of the Spring Semester). It is required that the narrative and all supporting materials be submitted **via Interfolio** for review by the Council on Scholarship and Faculty Development.

Evaluation of Application

The Council on Scholarship and Faculty Development (CSFD), will review all applications using the Research & Artistic Achievement Award rubric. After evaluating the quality of each application, the CSFD makes its recommendations to the Provost for recipient(s).

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