The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the University of Kansas

Call for nominations for the
2020 Steeples Service to Kansans Award

The Steeples Service to Kansans Award is an annual award that recognizes up to three faculty members at the KU Lawrence campus who provide significant service to the people of Kansas as a purposeful extension to their teaching and research. The award amount is $1,000. In addition, each recipient will receive a $1,000 base salary adjustment.

This award was created with three objectives in mind:
1. Faculty who provide significant service to the people of Kansas should be recognized for their efforts. KU has awards for teaching and for research, but this award specifically recognizes intrastate service.
2. KU provides significant service to and for the people of Kansas. These awards will provide a venue for some of that service to be formally recognized on campus, as well as publicized across Kansas in the news media.
3. To encourage faculty to provide service to Kansas by demonstrating the value that the KU administration and promotion and tenure committees place upon such service.

The range of service to Kansas that is performed by faculty from the University of Kansas is too large to give examples of activities that this award is intended to recognize and foster. However, it is explicitly not intended to recognize such activities as reviewing NSF proposals and refereeing articles for well-known national professional journals. It is also not intended to reward service to other State of Kansas agencies, especially if the service is based on contractual obligations between KU and the State agency. However, if an individual's service on such contracts goes far beyond original contractual obligations, or represents innovative or unique approaches, such service should be considered.

Eligibility:
Nominees must hold a full-time University appointment on the Lawrence campus. The selection committee will consider the longevity of service (more than one year of service) as well as the breadth of service (more than a single service project) in their deliberations.

The Support File:
1. The support file must include an up-to-date and detailed curriculum vitae.
2. The nominator should provide the following materials in support of the nomination:
    a. Department Recommendation. The support file shall contain an evaluation of the nominee from the department chairperson, faculty evaluation committee, or promotion and tenure committee that speaks to the service accomplishments of the nominee.
    b. Two Letters of Support that document the value of the service from the constituency being served.
    c. A statement of "Service to Kansas" from the nominee (one page). The faculty member should articulate the outcomes of their service by elaborating on which constituency is being served, what do they get out of it, and evidence that there is some benefit to the constituency being served.
    d. Other Supporting Materials:
        i. press releases and media coverage about the service contribution
        ii. representative documents used during the service performed

Deadline and Nomination Procedure:
Nominations are due to collegeawards@ku.edu, by **Noon on Friday, March 6, 2020.** If you have questions or would like further information, please reach out to Rae Ann Brown in the CLAS Dean's Office at rabrown@ku.edu.

Recent Awardees

2019
Gwendolyn Macpherson – Geology

2018
None Awarded

2017
Mary Banwart – Institute for Leadership Studies
Jennifer Ng – Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Sean Smith – Special Education

2016
Paul Atchley – Psychology
Heather Getha-Taylor – School of Public Affairs &
Administration Shannon Criss – School of Architecture, Design &
Planning

2015
Paula Fite – Clinical Child Psychology Program
Anne Williford – School of Social Welfare
Sherry Williams – KU Libraries

2014
Burdett Loomis – Political Science
Kristi Neufeld – Molecular Biosciences
Wallace Meyer – School of Business

2013
John Hachmeister – Visual Art
Kelly Kindscher – Environmental Studies Program
Martin B. Dickinson – School of Law

2012
William Johnson – Geography
Leon Greene – School of Education
Susan Williams – School of Engineering

2011
Bozenna Pasik-Duncan – Mathematics

2010
John Nalbandian – Public Administration
Richard Levy – School of Law
Rosemary Chapin – School of Social Welfare