College of Engineering
Early Career Research Excellence Award

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to recognize early excellence with clear potential for future preeminence in research by faculty in the College of Engineering.

Eligibility: Faculty members with at least a half-time appointment in the College of Engineering holding the rank of:
- Assistant professor
- Associate professor who has been in that rank for no more than three years.
Those that have previously received this award are no longer eligible.

Research, teaching, and service are expected of all faculty. Thus, the nomination document should address contributions in all three areas, but should especially highlight research/discovery contributions, emphasizing measures of impact and potential of the nominee’s current research program for future growth and increased significance. Innovation and impact are the primary desired characteristics of the discoveries and research program(s) developed by a faculty member nominated for this award. Indicators or measures of the quality and impact of the research include:

Criteria:
- Impact of the research on society, industry and the disciplines of engineering
- National and international awards, including be elected as fellow
- National recognition (e.g., invited talks, editorships, etc.)
- Interdisciplinary activities
- Research output (e.g., publications, citation records, patents, published design work) and their quality and innovation
- Research input (e.g., level of success in generating resources, partnerships, collaborations)

Procedures:
- Candidates may be nominated by any faculty or staff member in the College of Engineering. Documentation must not exceed two pages for the nomination and a maximum of three letters of support, not longer than one page each. Letters of support and an NSF two-page bio should be incorporated directly into the nomination file. A complete curriculum vitae is to be submitted separately.
- Awardees will receive a cash award of $2,500, an individual plaque, and will be honored during the annual faculty awards banquet.
- If multiple nominations for one individual or team are received, the nominators will be contacted and asked to collaborate in order to submit one nomination package.