

2008 COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR AWARD AWARD GUIDELINES

Nature of Award

The College of Liberal Arts (CoLA) Outstanding Scholar Award is part of the *Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program*. The College level Outstanding Scholar Award showcases and recognizes excellence in research, scholarship, and creative activity. The CoLA Outstanding Scholar receives a monetary award, OTS award, certificate and SIUC watch.

Eligibility and Criteria for Selection

Nominees must have held a faculty appointment in CoLA for a period of five consecutive years. Nominees must demonstrate excellence through an impressive program of research or creative activity that has been disseminated through peer reviewed outlets (books, journals, conferences, shows, galleries, or other appropriate venues), that has had a demonstrated impact on the discipline, and that has gained the scholar national or international recognition. The winner of the Award will present the clearest and strongest evidence of such excellence. The Award will not be granted to more than one individual in an academic year, and it need not be granted if no record is sufficiently impressive. A faculty member will be eligible to receive the Award only once every 10 years. Nominees not selected for the Award may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

Nomination Deadline: Nomination materials must be received in the CoLA Dean's Office by **December 14, 2007**.

Nomination Packet Must Include:

- Letter of nomination that includes a detailed statement of the nature and importance of the nominee's scholarly accomplishments;
- Nominee's current curriculum vitae in standard SIUC format;
- Up to six supporting letters from individuals familiar with the scholarship of the nominee. Letters can be solicited from individuals within and external to SIUC, but particular weight will be given to external review of scholarship;

Please submit all materials in electronic format (e.g., WordPerfect, Word, PDF) (*if you need assistance converting hard copy to PDF format, please contact the Associate Dean's office*).

Selection Process

The Selection Committee is comprised of the five most recent winners of the College Outstanding Scholar Award (the most recent of whom will serve as chair). The Committee will examine the candidates' records and supporting documents in the context of the criteria outlined above, and independently rank nominees. The Committee will then review rankings, select a winner and communicate the result to the Dean.

Note: The CoLA Outstanding Scholar for 2008 will be nominated for the University Level Outstanding Scholar Award in 2009.