

Innovation Day at the UA 2008

The
Vice President for Research, Graduate Studies & Economic Development
The
Office of Economic Development
The
Office of Technology Transfer
and The
Arizona Center for Innovation

Invite You to Nominate Research Innovators for The 2008 Technology Innovation Awards

(To take place on March 25, 2008 at the Student Union)

I. TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AWARDS

A. Purpose of Awards

The Technology Innovation Awards (TIAs) are given annually to selected University of Arizona researchers in recognition of innovative achievements in translating original ideas from the laboratory to the marketplace.

Awardees will have demonstrated success at moving original research ideas and seminal findings into the disclosure, patent or registration process, and ultimately into the marketplace for the betterment and advancement of the local, national and international communities and economies.

The ultimate purpose of the TIAs is to make visible to the University and public communities the achievements of faculty, staff and students in areas of research and technology that lend themselves to translation to the private sector. The awards will recognize such achievements and encourage others in the University's research community to consider such work as a contribution to the public, the University and their own careers.

B. Awards and Recognition Plaques

1. The Technology Innovation Award (up to 2 to be awarded)

This award shall be given to an established University researcher whose research findings have matured to the extent of having been commercialized in the form of a license, company-based enterprise or other publicly visible translation instrument. The awardee will be celebrated at the annual Innovation Day at the UA. She/He will receive a commemorative plaque and a prize of \$10,000 to be used for research related activities (e.g. travel to meetings by the PI or team member, purchase of equipment, purchase of software, paying for consultant, etc.).

2. Public Plaques

Awardee names will be inscribed on the Technology Innovation plaques to be displayed in the public reception areas of the offices of the Vice President for Research and the Office of Economic Development.

II. NOMINATION PROCEDURE for the TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AWARD

Nominations may be submitted by any self-constituted group of two (or more) tenure track faculty members on behalf of the nominee(s) and/or their team. Nominations should follow the outline below and be submitted to:

**Director of Technology Initiatives
Office of Economic Development,
UA PO Box 210458
Tucson, AZ 85721**

The deadline for submission of nomination packets is: January 22, 2008

at the close of the business day.

A. Nomination Dossier

Nomination dossiers must include the following:

- A statement of not more than two pages written in the recognition that not all readers will be experts in the nominee's field. The names, titles, unit affiliations (including contact information), and signatures of the *nominators* should be appended.

The statement should address the nominee's principal research achievements which have led to (or are likely to lead, in the near term, to) translation of the original research into the technology private sector. The statement should document the impact of the translational research in improving the lives of the citizens of the State and society at-large including impact on the economy, health and/or well being of society. The document should further describe how these intellectual and practical achievements are in concert with the missions of the University.

- At least three but no more than five supporting letters of reference, each no longer than two pages in length, which may come from inside or outside the University and should address the nominee's achievements in the specific areas described in the statement (see above). The writers of supporting letters should be chosen with special care as to their qualifications to attest to the nominee's achievements in the specific area of *translational research* because their letters will be seen as primary evidence that will weigh heavily in the evaluation process.
- A one-paragraph bio-sketch of each nominator and reference writer.
- A current *curriculum vitae* of the nominee, including (a) a list of refereed publications (reflecting accomplishments, activities and awards relevant to this nomination process), (b) a list of relevant disclosures or patents, (c) other indications of how the research was translated into private-sector activities (e.g. name, website and other information of a company formed on the basis of the research, etc.).

III. RECOMMENDED FORMAT FOR NOMINATION DOSSIERS

1. Name of the Nominee
2. Current position and affiliation (including address, phone number, email)
3. Inclusive dates of employment at the University of Arizona.

4. Two-page (maximum) nominating statement describing:
 - a. Outstanding accomplishments in translational research with specific reference to moving such research into the private sector (see above).
 - b. Description of the economic impact of the nominee's translational research as evidenced in patents, licenses, processes and/or products resulting from original research carried out at the University of Arizona.
 - c. Evidence of national and/or international recognition of said achievements.
 - d. Signed list of members of the Nominating Committee, giving the full name, title, unit affiliation and telephone number of each member.
5. Letters of reference, with bio-sketches of their writers.
6. Candidate's *curriculum vitae* including information on their translational activities such as disclosures, patents, licenses, start-up companies, or products in use.

PLEASE SUBMIT 5 COPIES OF THE DOSSIER TO:

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INQUIRIES regarding this process may be directed to the Office of Economic Development (rgruener@u.arizona.edu; 626-9759).