



The JoAnn Treat Research Excellence Award

The Board of Trustees of the Texas A&M Research Foundation has established an award for excellence in research by a faculty member for his/her accomplishments and in recognition of exceptional contributions that significantly advance knowledge in the faculty member's area of research during the past five years. This award will be given annually to a faculty member, whose research is administered through the Texas A&M Research Foundation. Candidates should be leaders in their field and their discoveries/research should have had a dramatic impact on their discipline(s).

This award is open, in alternate years, to (a) all tenured or tenure-track faculty at any of the component institutions of the Texas A&M University System, or (b) a faculty member who has not achieved the rank of professor. For 2007, the recipient will be selected from category (b) a faculty member who has not achieved the rank of professor.

In July of each year, the Executive Assistant to the President of the Texas A&M Research Foundation will begin advertising the JoAnn Treat Research Excellence Award through various channels within The Texas A&M University System. Nominations for this award will be forwarded to the faculty member's college or administrative unit for review by their peers. These nominations should include 1) a letter describing the work being cited for this award; 2) four accompanying letters of support from leading researchers in the field, but outside the Texas A&M University System; 3) a current vita and publication list for the nominee. These materials will be forwarded to the appropriate college dean or administrative unit head by September 1. Each college or administrative unit may then forward one nomination to the office of Dr. Frank B. Ashley, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at MS 1122 for the final selection process by October 1. The Office of Academic Affairs will assemble a group of faculty to make a final review of the nominations received and forward a rank ordered list of three finalists to the Texas A&M Research Foundation President and JoAnn Treat by November 1. A final candidate will be forwarded to the Executive Committee by November 15 for final approval and will be announced at the annual fall meeting. JoAnn Treat will participate in the selection process for as long as she chooses to do so.

Nominees may be from any academic rank, discipline and stage of career, but must have demonstrated excellence in research and research service. A nominee must be an intellectual leader of a research program that has made The Texas A&M University System more competitive for receiving funding that will result in achieving excellence in research. The nominee should have also made significant advances that greatly impacted his or her discipline/field of research within the five years prior to the nomination.

The recipient will receive a \$10,000 cash award. The cash award can be paid directly to recipient or the recipient can ask to have an account set up through the Research Foundation to administer for future research. The recipient will also receive a commemorative plaque and will have his or her name recorded on the JoAnn Treat commemorative glass vase displayed in the Research Foundation lobby.

Questions concerning the award may be referred to Sandra Chavarria at schavarria@rf-mail.tamu.edu or 845-8670.
