



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 researcher for his or her accomplishments during the past five years. This award is to be given annually to a faculty researcher, whose research is administered through the Texas A&M Research Foundation. This award is open to all tenured or tenure track faculty at any of The Texas A&M University System components and is to be in recognition of an exceptional contribution to the faculty member's area of research in the past five years. 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 2008, the recipient will be selected from category (a) tenured or tenure-track faculty.

The Executive Assistant to the President of the Texas A&M Research Foundation will advertise the JoAnn Treat Research Excellence Award through various channels within The Texas A&M University System. Nominations for this award should 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; and
- 3) a current vita and publication list for the nominee.

These materials should be forwarded to the appropriate College Dean by September 15, 2008. Each college or administrative unit may then forward one nomination to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the final selection process by October 15, 2008. The Office of the Vice Chancellor for 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 14, 2008. A final candidate will be forwarded to the Executive Committee by November 25, 2008 for final approval and will be announced at the annual fall meeting. JoAnn Treat may choose to participate in the selection process.

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 a 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.

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