

# **EMINENT SCHOLARS**

## **AWARD DESCRIPTION**

The eminent scholar's designation has been established in order to recognize faculty members of unusual merit and service to the university.

## **NATURE OF AWARD**

\$4000 as a permanent addition to their base salary

## **CRITERIA**

Only faculty members holding the rank of full professor may be considered for this honor.

Nominees shall have met the following criteria:

1. The standards established by the State Council of Higher Education for designation as eminent scholar.
2. Service in the rank of full professor at Old Dominion University for a minimum of three academic years. Only when eminent scholar status is considered as part of the initial appointment process may this requirement be waived.
3. A scholarly publication record or stature in the creative arts, which will have clearly established a national reputation as a scholar in the nominee's discipline. Scholarly publications are recognized as those that have received peer review or have been otherwise recognized and critiqued by authorities in the discipline. A consistent pattern of scholarly contributions, invited chapters, scholarly books, invited lectureships, prestigious academic contributions and honors, officer positions in the individuals discipline, editor of multi-authored books, organizer or coordinator of symposiums and other similar examples would represent evidence that an individual should be the one who is easily recognized by other eminent authorities in the discipline with positive comments on his or her work. It is also important to note that new works in the discipline frequently cite the individual's contributions. His or her scholarly contributions or artistic achievements should at some time or other have been a benchmark, reflecting evolution of the discipline.
4. Substantial success in obtaining external funding for research – in those disciplines in which such success is expected; and positive evaluations by scholars external to the university who will have been solicited by the department/school chair.

## **Procedures for Nomination and Selection**

Only in exceptional cases can a candidate for a faculty position at the university be considered for eminent scholar status. Such candidates must be exceptional scholars in their disciplines, have held the rank of full professor for a minimum of three years and receive endorsements and approvals from the tenured department faculty, department chair, dean and a majority of members of the university's Eminent Scholars Committee.

Designation of persons as eminent scholars upon their initial appointment to the university can be made by the provost and vice president for academic affairs after recommendations by the Eminent Scholars Committee, based upon the procedures outlined in paragraph one and using the criteria specified above.

Candidates are responsible for providing sufficient materials to enable the department colleagues and chair, the dean, and the Eminent Scholars Committee to decide whether they meet the criteria. In addition to up-to-date curriculum vitae, a letter from the candidate should explain why he or she merits this honor and what is being nationally-recognized experts testifying to the national and international reputation of the body of the candidates work should be solicited independently by the department chair. The candidate is encouraged soliciting additional letters of this kind. A curriculum vitae from each expert should be included, Candidates should provide copies of works (refereed articles, monographs, books, etc.) regarded as representative of their most important contributions over time. Citations, reviews, and information such as awards, invited lectures, and organized symposia or conferences should also be included as evidence of board recognition of the importance of the works. Quality of publications-judged by eminent presses and journals, letters, etc. –outweighs quantity in the judging process.