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Office of the Vice President for Research & Partnerships

TO: Deans, Associate Deans, Directors and Chairs, Faculty – Norman Campus

FROM: Matt Hulver, Vice President for Research and Partnerships

DATE: September 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Nominations for Research and Creative Activity Awards

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Partnerships (OVPRP) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the following Research and Creative Activity Awards:

Faculty Awards

- Award for Excellence in Transdisciplinary, Convergent Research
- Award for Excellence in Research in the Social Sciences
- Award for Excellence in Research, Design, and Creative Expression in the Humanities and the Arts
- Neal Lane Award for Excellence in Research in the Natural Sciences
- Award for Excellence in Research in Engineering and Applied Science
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Staff Award

- Melany Dickens-Ray Award for Excellence in Research Service and Administration

The Awards for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity recognize OU Norman faculty members (faculty of all ranks including faculty emeriti) who have exhibited leadership and made exceptional, innovative contributions in their field throughout their career and/or in their recent work. The Melany Dickens-Ray Award for Excellence in Research Service and Administration recognizes a full-time staff member who exhibits exceptional service and leadership in support of the research or creative endeavors of OU faculty and staff.

Information about the awards including selection criteria, nomination procedures and selection process can be found on the [Vice President for Research and Partnerships website](#).

Timeline

October 16	Nominators provide name(s) of nominee(s) and award via email to: vprp-awards@ou.edu
November 2	Full nomination submissions are due.
March	Selections are made.
April	Award recipients are notified and announced, and the awards reception is held.

The OVPRP appreciates the time and effort it takes to promote awards and honors for our deserving faculty and staff. We express our deep appreciation for their service and advocacy in support of the [Lead On, University Strategic Plan](#).

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