

## **The ENRI Innovation Award in Environmental and Natural Resources**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Environment and Natural Resources Institute (ENRI) Innovation Award recognizes College of Agricultural Sciences faculty, extension educators, and staff who have made an outstanding and innovative contribution with significant scientific and societal impact in the environmental and natural resource sciences. Award winners will receive a prize of \$400.

**ELIGIBILITY:** ENRI encourages excellence in teaching, research, and outreach in the environmental and natural resource sciences. The ENRI Innovation Award recognizes individuals or teams in the College of Agricultural Sciences for work that has:

- Significantly advanced scientific understanding or application of natural or social systems and processes in the environmental and natural resource sciences;
- Developed and applied new methods that have clearly enhanced teaching effectiveness and student success in the environmental and natural resource sciences; and/or
- Developed and conducted extension and outreach programs in the environmental and natural resource field that have demonstrably contributed to a more sustainable society.

The Innovation Award may be given to recognize excellence in research, teaching, or outreach. Added weight will be given to nominees whose work has integrated and contributed to excellence in more than one of the College's core mission areas.

**NOMINATIONS:** Nominees for the award may be self or colleague nominated. Nominations should include the following:

1. Nominee's curriculum vitae.
2. A brief (less than 1,000 words) letter indicating the rationale for the nomination. This letter should identify the major contributions on which the nomination is based and explain why the nominee is especially qualified to receive this award.
3. The following criteria should be addressed in the statement:
  - a. Scientific, educational, and scholarly excellence – demonstrated outstanding and innovative contribution with scientific and societal impact through research, teaching, and/or outreach in the environmental and natural resource sciences.
  - b. Multidisciplinarity – significant original accomplishments in activities across one or more specific disciplines. These accomplishments should have been instrumental in leading to a better understanding of issues in the environmental and natural resource sciences.
  - c. Intellectual and educational leadership – creativity and visionary leadership on scientific and educational matters in the environmental and natural resource sciences.
  - d. Integration across the tripartite mission of outreach, research, and teaching in making contributions to the environmental and natural resource sciences.
  - e. Sustained productivity and impact over time - a continuously expanding record of outstanding work with significant scientific and societal implications and impact.

Nominations for the ENRI Innovation Award will be reviewed by the ENRI Awards Committee; Ted Alter, Chair.

**Submit nominations electronically to Anna Marie Nachman at [amn6@psu.edu](mailto:amn6@psu.edu) by March 5, 2010.**