

## The ENRI Career Award in Environmental and Natural Resources

**DESCRIPTION:** The Environment and Natural Resources Institute (ENRI) Career Award recognizes College of Agricultural Sciences faculty, extension educators, and staff who have had a distinguished career in the environmental and natural resource sciences for a period of 10 or more years. 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 Career Award recognizes faculty, extension educators, and staff in the College of Agricultural Sciences for distinguished contributions either as an individual or as a member of a team whose work 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 Career 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 this 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 nomination statement:
  - a. Scientific, educational, and scholarly excellence – demonstrated outstanding career 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 concerns or 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 Career 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.**