

Distinguished University Innovator Award

Nomination Guidelines

- Eligibility:** A member of the tenure/tenure track or research faculty, or a team of up to three (3) individuals led by a faculty member.
- Award:** Honorarium of \$5000 to the individual winner or shared by the team winners. The recipient is invited to deliver a lecture on a topic related to his or her accomplishments in innovation. The award is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research.
- Selection Criteria:** The Distinguished University Innovator(s) will have accomplished one or more of the following:
1. Developed a breakthrough technology and *demonstrated* its transformational potential relative to an otherwise conventionally accepted practice or market.
 2. Taken a significant innovation developed in the University through to market-readiness, either through partnership with a commercial enterprise, or by starting a company.
 3. Demonstrated a new method or means for moving innovations from the university into the private sector through the establishment of partnerships or other relationships that promote the strategic or economic position of the region, state or nation.
- Nomination Guidelines:** Any member of the UM community may submit a nomination. Include in the Nomination packet:
- Nomination Cover Page
 - A one-page application describing the innovations technologies or other activities to promote an innovation by the nominated individual or team. Do not submit a resume.
 - Two to four Letters of support, from a range of constituents to demonstrate the depth and breadth of the individual's impact on innovation.
- Deadline:** Nominations are due by **November 14, 2007**. A **PDF or Word file** of the nomination should be sent to Coyote Windsong at godsdog@umich.edu. Alternatively, **eight (8) copies** (three-hole punched) of each nomination packet should be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Research, 4080 Fleming, 1340.
- Selection:** By consensus of the membership of the OVPR Innovation Awards Committee appointed by the Vice President for Research, and with concurrence of the VPR.
- Announcement of Award:** The recipient(s), if any, will be announced by January 15, 2008. The award winner's lecture and reception will be held on March 20 2008.
- Points to consider in support of nomination:**
- This award is open to tenure/tenure track or research faculty in all UM campuses, schools, colleges and units.

Cover page and updates on the Award available at:

http://www.research.umich.edu/contacts/ovpr/innovator_award/innovator_award.html

