



### Eminent Scholar Award

Sponsored by the Aggie Women Network and Texas A&M University

#### A shared mission

- Texas A&M University is dedicated to the discovery, development, communication, and application of knowledge in a wide range of academic and professional fields. It welcomes and seeks to serve persons of all racial, ethnic, and geographic groups as it addresses the needs of an increasingly diverse population and a global economy. Women represent a vital part of the mission of Texas A&M University.
- The Aggie Women Network (“Aggie Women”) shares with Texas A&M a mission to value and promote inclusiveness and diversity and to advance the engagement of women in academic, research, mentoring, and service activities of the institution. The mission of Aggie Women is to promote the active engagement of women in the educational, charitable, and cultural life of the University. Women faculty at Texas A&M University, by their outstanding achievements in teaching and research and opportunities for student engagement and mentorship, are in a unique position to influence the educational experience of current women students. Their successes are inspirational, and their distinguished careers aspirational to young women who are still choosing the future direction of their lives and careers.
- To fully support the eminence of Texas A&M University and the success of the next generation of Aggie Women, the University and the Aggie Women share within their missions the recognition of women faculty.

#### Purpose of the Award

- With these shared values, Texas A&M University and the Aggie Women Network established the Aggie Women Eminent Scholar Award in 2011. This award serves to recognize a woman Texas A&M University faculty member for extraordinary achievement in both original research or scholarship and impact on Texas A&M women students. The award honors accomplished faculty with clearly demonstrated eminence in their field, who are also exemplary role models for women’s success, as demonstrated by a clear record of excellence in teaching, mentoring, and service, especially to women students.

#### Eligibility for the Award

Nominees for the Award shall be

- Women who are **tenured full professors** and have been on the faculty at Texas A&M University for **at least 2 years**.
- Exemplary role models for women’s success, as demonstrated by a record of excellence in teaching, service, mentoring, and exceptional achievements that have impacted current women students of Texas A&M.
- An eminent member of the faculty member’s field; prior recipients of highly prestigious national and international recognitions (including but not limited to Wolf Prize, Nobel Prize, ACLS Fellowships, Guggenheim Fellowships, NEH Fellowships, membership in the National Academies of Sciences, Medicine, or Engineering, or participation in national, international/global authorities such as the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights or a division head for the WHO).

#### Award

The Eminent Scholar Award recipient shall receive a \$4,000 award. The Eminent Scholar Award shall be jointly presented by the President and the Aggie Women Network.

## **Nominations**

Any faculty member, staff member, or administrator may nominate a woman faculty member for the Eminent Scholar Award, but all nomination packets must be approved by and submitted through the Office of the Dean in the college serving as the nominee's primary academic home.

Nominators wishing to resubmit a dossier submitted but not selected in a previous year may do so, but to remain competitive, dossiers should be revised and updated. External letters from no more than one year ago may be resubmitted without revision.

The nomination should be submitted electronically as a single PDF file by email to [awardsprograms@tamu.edu](mailto:awardsprograms@tamu.edu)

To facilitate the assembly of the nomination packets, a PDF template with section headers and bookmarks will be provided; please save the nomination materials as PDFs and insert them into the template. The packets must contain:

- A completed nomination cover sheet. The nomination includes identification of the nominee's scholarly achievements in one of these four National Research Council categories: Life sciences, Engineering/Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities.
- Nomination letter (**three pages maximum**); nomination letter should describe **both** impact of the faculty member on women students and eminence in her field.
- Support letters (**two maximum**) that describe how the faculty member's **teaching, service, mentoring, and exceptional achievements have impacted current women students of Texas A&M and how her presence at the university has provided an exemplary role model for women's success.**
- Curriculum vita (**10 pages maximum**), **demonstrating eminence in nominee's field**, which must include:
  - Name of nominee
  - Current rank, department, and college
  - Educational history (include degree, date and institution, listing the most recent first)
  - Employment history (listing the most recent first)
  - Honors and awards
  - Statement of scholarly or creative activity impact (500 words maximum)
  - List of publications and/or creative products
  - List of engagement and service activities including membership in professional and honorary societies (note leadership positions held)

*CV should clearly demonstrate eminence in faculty member's field; prior recipients of highly prestigious national and international recognitions (including but not limited to Wolf Prize, Nobel Prize, ACLS Fellowships, Guggenheim Fellowships, NEH Fellowships, membership in the National Academies of Sciences, Medicine, or Engineering, or participation in national, international/global authorities such as the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights or a division head for the WHO).*
- *Optional* – Miscellaneous supporting documentation (**3 pages maximum**): brief documentation (that was not included in CV) further supporting the faculty member's impact on women students or eminence in their field; may include a biographical summary, brief listing or description of significant achievements or recognitions, National Research Council category details, listing of press releases or non-scholarly publications or articles (i.e., Congressional testimony), listing of patents or industry publications or articles with description of impact, etc.

### Award Selection Committee

- The Award Selection Committee will be jointly established by the Office of the Dean of Faculties and the Aggie Women Network. It should include diverse representation across colleges and at least one female Distinguished Professor. The President of the Aggie Women Network shall appoint one or two women former students. The Committee shall be chaired by a female member appointed by the Dean of Faculties, and may be co-chaired by the member appointed by the Aggie Women.
- Award selection committee members will be assembled based on the needs for subject matter expertise associated with the pool of nominees. Reviewers who have potential conflicts of interest (members of the nominee's department, collaborators, former trainees of the nominee, etc.) will not be invited if known. If they are included, they will recuse themselves from review and ranking of the nominee with which they have a conflict of interest. Each nomination is assigned to a reviewer subcommittee composed of 4 members
  - Primary reviewer – matches the nominee subject matter expertise
  - Secondary reviewer – matches the nominee subject matter expertise
  - Tertiary reviewer – outside nominee subject matter
  - Quaternary reviewer – outside nominee subject matter
- Each subcommittee reviewer will score the nominee reviewed using a whole number range from 1 (least deserving) to 5 (most deserving). The same score may be given by a reviewer to different nominees.
- The Dean of Faculties Office will collect the data from all reviewers and tabulate it, giving the average score for each nominee.
- Approximately the top 50% of nominees, based on the rankings from these data, will move forward for discussion by the committee as a whole. However, any member of the committee as a whole can request discussion of any nominee no matter how she is ranked.
- During the discussions of nominees by the whole committee, all the reviewers speak, in order from primary to quaternary, adding only new unique information. Next, discussion opens up to the whole committee. Finally, the scores are revisited. Each of the four reviewers announces his or her revised score.
- Immediately following discussion of a nominee, each member of the whole committee individually scores the nominee on a scoresheet. The score must be a whole number within the new range of scores established by the 4 reviewers. The committee member should enter ND (not discussed) on the scoresheet for nominations not discussed or CON if the committee member did not vote because of a conflict of interest.
- After all nominees have been scored or not discussed, the scores are tabulated and the nominees ranked by a person designated by the Dean of Faculties' office, with the highest scoring nominee selected as the award recipient.

### Timeline

May	Call for nominations issued
July 31, 2020	Nomination packets due to office of the Dean of Faculties Awards
Mid-August	Selection Committee for deliberations
October 23, 2020	Presentation of the award by the President and the Aggie Women Network