

**University of Wisconsin-Parkside Committee for Research and Creative Activity (CRCA)
Early Career Award for Excellence in Research & Creative Activity**

Purpose

The award is to recognize, encourage, and stimulate excellence in research and creative activity at UW-Parkside in untenured faculty and instructional academic staff within their first 6 years at UW-Parkside.

Administration of Award

Candidates for an annual award for research and creative activity shall be reviewed by the Committee for Research and Creative Activity (CRCA) together with by the two most recent recipients of the award (if available). The committee's role is to choose and recommend one candidate to the chancellor. (In case of joint research projects, up to three candidates may share the award.) Members of CRCA exclude themselves from consideration for this award.

Nomination Procedures

- (a) Nominations for untenured faculty and instructional academic staff within their first 6 years at UW-Parkside may come from any faculty member familiar with the candidates' work.
- (b) Candidates may apply over multiple years while they are still eligible but may only win the award once.
- (c) Candidates may apply to this award and the Excellence in Research & Creative Activity Award but can only receive one of the two awards in the same year.

Materials to be Submitted

Please submit the letter of nomination, the candidate's curriculum vitae, and any appropriate supporting materials to the chair of CRCA. Such materials may include: published evidence that the candidate's work has influenced or been used by others in his/her field, such as book reviews, critics' reviews, articles by others about or drawing on the work, or citation index statistics. In the case of exhibitions, plays, concerts, recitals, shows, creation of original works, etc., these may include factors such as importance, nature, selectivity, and scope of venue; reach of project, performance, or creative work; and other indicators of merit or impact, if known. The committee does not ask for letters from colleagues or outside reviewers as part of this submission. Where appropriate, the committee appreciates receiving material regarding sources in which the candidate's work appears, such as rejection rates of journals and similar supporting documentation.

Evaluation Procedures

CRCA members and the two most recent award recipients (if available) will review the candidates. If needed, the committee shall seek external evaluation.

Criteria

- (a) Quality--primary emphasis.
- (b) Originality.
- (c) Impact on field.
- (d) Contribution to overall research environment at UW-Parkside. While work may have started at a different institution, final credit (i.e. publication or performance) needs to be accredited to UW-Parkside.

The recipient will be announced at the fall convocation.