



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 faculty 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. 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 faculty who contribute to the success of women students.

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. The Award serves to recognize a Texas A&M University faculty member for both extraordinary achievement in original research or scholarship and a clear record of actively contributing to the success of women students through teaching, mentoring, service, and exceptional achievements.

Eligibility for the Award

Nominees for the Award shall be

- Faculty of any gender who are **tenured full professors** and have been on the faculty in the Texas A&M University for **at least 2 years**.
- Exemplary impact on women’s success, as demonstrated by a long-standing commitment to women at Texas A&M and a record of excellence in teaching, service, mentoring, and exceptional achievements that have impacted current women students of Texas A&M. Record must clearly show an **active role** towards helping Aggie Women and contributing to their success.
- 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 faculty member for the Eminent Scholar Award, but all nomination packets must be approved by and submitted by the college serving as the nominee's primary academic home to Faculty Affairs.

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

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 the faculty member's field.
- Short bio of the nominee (**less than 1000 words**) and a current photo. These will be used for a press release, if the nominee is chosen for the award.
- 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 their presence at the university has provided an exemplary role model for women's success.**
- Curriculum vita (**10 pages maximum**) 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 Faculty Affairs and the Aggie Women Network. It should include diverse representation across colleges and at least one Distinguished Professor. The President of the Aggie Women Network shall appoint one or two women former students. Faculty Affairs will select a chair from the committee members provided by the colleges/schools and the Aggie Women will provide a Co-chair.
- The committee recommends at least two candidates for consideration by Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and the President, who decide upon the recipient.

Timeline

May 13, 2024	Call for nominations issued
July 12, 2024	Nomination packets due to Faculty Affairs
August 23, 2024	Selection Committee for meets for final deliberations
October 25, 2024	Presentation of the award by the President and the Aggie Women Network