

# **Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Faculty Award for Excellence in Innovation**

## **Description:**

The Faculty Innovation Excellence Award recognizes and rewards a faculty member who has best demonstrated extraordinary innovation and creativity through their research or teaching portfolio and best exemplifies innovation and creativity as defined by introducing new, high-value research or education processes or outcomes that can have significant impact on future generations. These can include creative and ground-breaking teaching methodologies or educational pedagogies or research advances being translated to market applications that can have a significant impact on future generations and attack the world's most daunting engineering challenges. Nominations for the award come from the appropriate student groups (i.e., undergraduate or graduate students depending on the instructional or research focus of the faculty nominee), other faculty members, departmental administrators, or college-level administrators. The award is conferred annually and provides \$1,000 to the award recipient. Award recipients will be recognized at the HWCOE's Annual Awards Luncheon.

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

- All faculty are eligible regardless of rank or tenure status.
- Candidates will have demonstrated a strong commitment to creativity and innovation and building a collaborative culture of innovation within their department and the HWCOE.
- Candidates will have demonstrated recognition of their innovative spirit and accomplishments through their roles and activities, in organizations associated with their specialized technical expertise or in community service organizations that advance the excellence of their department, the HWCOE and/or the university within technical, professional or public sectors.
- Candidates will not have been the award recipient in the prior 5 years.

## **Nomination Packet:**

- One primary letter of nomination describing the nominee's contributions to innovation and creativity. Nominations may be prepared with or without the faculty member knowing that they are under consideration for this award. No self-nominations. (2 pages max).
- One endorsement letter by Department Chair or College Administrator (1 page max).
- Limit of one nomination per department or college administrative unit.

## **Timeline:**

- February 11: Primary nominator sends packet to Heidi Dublin (hdublin@eng.ufl.edu)
- Early March: Nominations reviewed by the HWCOE Honor & Awards Committee
- Early April: Award recipient notified by Office of Academic Affairs.
- April 26: Award presentation at the HWCOE Awards Luncheon