

Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Staff Award for Excellence in Innovation

Description:

The Staff Innovation Excellence Award recognizes and rewards a HWCOE staff member who has best demonstrated extraordinary innovation and creativity in their jobs duties, and best exemplifies innovation as defined by introducing new processes or outcomes that can have significant impact on the advancement of their office. Nominations for the award come from the appropriate student groups (i.e., undergraduate or graduate students), other staff members, faculty, and department-level or college-level administration. 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 HWCOE staff are eligible regardless of title.
- 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 expertise or in community service organizations that advance the excellence of their department, the HWCOE and/or the UF 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 staff member knowing that they are under consideration for this award. No self-nominations (2 page 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