

Biological & Agricultural Engineering Award Criteria, and Nominations Solicitation, Review and Selection Procedure—March 2015

- 1) **Departmental Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Research, Outstanding Service, Extension, and Staff Excellence respectively**
- 2) **Inductees to the Academy of Outstanding BAEN Graduates.**

1) TEACHING, RESEARCH, OUTSTANDING SERVICE, EXTENSION, STAFF AWARDS

TEACHING EXCELLENCE IN BIOLOGICAL & AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

A. Primary Criteria (necessary standards):

- Maintains high expectations of students and ensures academic rigor in their courses
- Demonstrates effective teaching as assessed through student and peer evaluations
- Encourages intellectual interests in students of all levels
- Enthusiastic regarding teaching and learning
- Provides good learning environment for students and demonstrates a commitment to teaching and student learning
- Available to students and interested in students as individuals
- Pursues scholarly growth that enhances teaching and committed to the continuous improvement of teaching
- Recognizes responsibility in motivating students and contributing to their overall development
- Participates in both undergraduate and graduate student advising

B. Secondary Criteria (desirable qualities):

- Contributes to the improvement of the quality of teaching within the university by assisting or encouraging other faculty
- Provides service which relates to the improvement of the quality of education and/or teaching

C. Additional Considerations:

- Contribute to field through publications/workshops/seminars which focus on the improvement of teaching quality

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN BIOLOGICAL & AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

A. Research Accomplishments

- Significantly contributes to basic knowledge, improvement of the quality of life, and encourages additional research
- Contributes to research and developments in Biological & Agricultural Engineering through:
 - Other publications (book chapters, review articles, editorials)
 - Inventions/ intellectual property (patents, licensures, evidence of technology transfer) that are significant and beneficial to any area of Biological & Agricultural Engineering through either Publication in peer-reviewed journals of original research, methods, processes
 - theoretical or practical application
 - Accrual of funding (external and internal) to support research
- Active in directing graduate student research or in the training of graduate students and/or post-docs
- Conducts research to achieve science road map of the college

B. Recognition

- Active in local, regional and national societies relating to research
- Participate in grant review panel membership or as editor/reviewer for journal related to research
- Recognized locally, nationally, and/or internationally for research efforts through awards, invited talks, and consulting

EXTENSION EXCELLENCE IN BIOLOGICAL & AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

- Shows creative and innovative ability in educational programs that result in increased efficiency or a higher quality of life
- Contributes via extension publications, booklets, guidelines, bulletins, workshops, etc.
- Actively involved and personally engaged in extension, outreach, continuing education, and/or professional development activity
- Displays dedication and enthusiasm while accomplishing their mission in the particular field of extension
- Demonstrates outstanding subject-matter knowledge, competency and strong professional qualities that are a credit to the BAEN Department, Texas A&M University, and the public
- Committed to and exhibits enthusiasm for established objectives and philosophy for serving the public
- Outstanding ability to communicate with the public and to incorporate educational programs through training, demonstrations, conferences, and personal contacts
- Cooperates with co-workers, colleagues, and with personnel in other agencies and organizations to accomplish their mission

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO BIOLOGICAL & AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

- Outstanding service qualities that are a credit to the department by on-campus and off-campus faculty, former students, benefactors, research and extension personnel including postdoctoral and extension associates.
- Provides outstanding support beyond expectations of the respective position
- Possesses a creative and innovative ability to serve which results in the betterment of the department
- Recognized as an outstanding professional that exhibits a continuous dedication to service in Biological & Agricultural Engineering and the Department
- Positively impacts the routine and overall efficiency and effectiveness of activities within the department

STAFF EXCELLENCE IN BIOLOGICAL & AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

- Maintains high expectations of excellence in executing duties as a BAEN staff member
- Demonstrates commitment to excellence in support of departmental administration, teaching, research, extension and/or service programs
- Exhibits dedication and enthusiasm while carrying out responsibilities
- Contributes to the positive image of BAEN through professionalism, courtesy, and friendliness
- Positively impacts efficiency and effectiveness of programs and activities of the department
- Provides outstanding support beyond expectations of the respective position

INDUCTEES TO THE ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED BAEN GRADUATES

- Demonstrates record of significant achievements in chosen profession within Biological & Agricultural Engineering
- Contributions that have had an effect on or made a contribution to her or his profession or discipline
- Received professional or community recognition for their contributions
- Contributions typify and personify mission of Texas A&M and BAEN
- Inspires young alumni, peers, and students in the pursuit of their profession
- Demonstrates commitment to the profession through active participation in professional organizations
- Participates in activities which provides service to the department, college, or university
- Serves in leadership roles within community

Procedure for Awards Nominations Solicitation, Review and Selection of Finalists

An official solicitation of the BAEN Awards for Excellence will be sent out, by Committee Chair or a designee, to BAEN faculty and staff at least 10 weeks prior to the date set for the Parents' Weekend Annual Awards Banquet. Nominations solicitation period will last for no more than two (2) weeks. The BAEN Recognition and Events Committee will convene within two (2) weeks after the Awards nominations deadline to review nominations in all awards categories and to select finalists by a majority vote. No more than one finalist will be named in each Award category with the exception of "Inductees to the Academy of Outstanding BAEN Graduates", where up to two finalists may be named by the Committee. The Committee Chair or a designee will provide the results of the Committee Members' vote to the BAEN Department Head at least six (6) weeks prior to the Parents' Weekend Annual Awards Banquet. The BAEN Department Head will inform the winners of each Award by no later than five (5) weeks prior to the Parents' Weekend Annual Awards Banquet.

Note: Solicitation of nominations for the Inductees to the Academy of Outstanding BAEN Graduates will be open to all faculty and former students. We will use e-mail lists and BAEN Department Newsletter for inviting nominations for this Award category.