

RISE Above Faculty Award

Award Guidelines

Integrity is a fundamental part of our culture. The Smeal Honor Code is a pledge that holds the community accountable for integrity and ethical behavior. It reads: “We, the Smeal College of Business community, aspire to the highest ethical standards and will hold each other accountable to them. We will not engage in any action that is improper or that creates the appearance of impropriety in our academic lives, and we intend to hold to this standard in our future careers.”

The RISE Above award honors faculty members for their commitment to advancing Smeal’s goals to promote integrity and ethical behavior. This commitment can be demonstrated by upholding integrity in the classroom, incorporating ethics into course activities, exploring ethical issues in the field, and proposing initiatives for implementation to promote integrity and ethical behavior in the department, college, and/or university.

Number of Awards:

One award, consisting of a commemorative plaque and \$500, is given each year to a Smeal faculty member, assuming a nominee is approved by the selection committee.

Eligibility:

All full-time Smeal faculty of all ranks, except those serving on the selection committee and their supervisors.

Nomination Process:

The Dean/Senior Associate Dean will send a formal announcement via e-mail in April. Smeal faculty, staff, and students may submit a nomination for the award; there is no limit on the number of nominations that may be submitted. Self-nominations are also acceptable. A nomination must include the name of the nominator, the name of the nominee, and a brief supporting statement regarding the contributions of the nominee to Smeal’s goals to promote integrity and ethical behavior. Selection of the award recipient is not determined based upon the quantity of nominations, but by the quality of the nomination. Nominations should be emailed to Honor and Integrity Director Jennifer Eury at jld345@psu.edu.

Selection Committee:

The selection committee is to include: the Senior Associate Dean, the Honor and Integrity Director, and the award recipient from the prior year. NOTE: If a member of the selection committee is nominated for an award, he/she (and their supervisor) is not eligible to receive the award.

Selection Timeline:

The award will be made within two weeks of the close of nominations. The award recipient will also be recognized at the start of the following academic year during the Dean’s Fall Faculty/Staff Meeting.

Contact:

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