College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Award

The Award
- The CAS Faculty Research Award serves (1) to recognize exceptional faculty contributions in research and creative activity at UNCW during the previous 18 months, and (2) to promote public awareness of research excellence in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- The award is given once each academic year.
- The award is announced at the CAS Convocation each spring, with the recipient receiving a $1,000 prize.
- The award recipient will present his or her research in a public talk during the fall semester after receiving the award.

Eligibility
- All full-time, tenure-eligible CAS faculty members are eligible to receive the award.
- No faculty member can receive the award more than once.
- Recipients are expected to serve on selection committees for future recipients.

Criteria
Nominations should be based on a research or creative accomplishments of notable innovation and originality done at UNCW, as demonstrated by recognition of the work by the scholarly/professional community within the discipline. One or more of the following may also be considered:
- Promise of the work for continued achievement in the future;
- Collaborative nature of the work, involving other faculty and students;
- Capacity of the work for scholarly engagement in the community and region;
- Potential of the work for presentation to a public audience; and
- The work’s advancement of our understanding of an important question or issue.

Nomination and Selection
- By November 1 each year, the Dean’s office will solicit nominations from all CAS faculty members.
- Any CAS faculty member may nominate any other CAS faculty member via a letter to the Dean, briefly stating the basis for the nomination according to the award criteria. Self-nominations are not accepted. The deadline for nominations is November 30 (or the next business day if November 30 falls on a weekend or holiday).
- By December 15 (or the next business day if December 15 falls on a weekend or holiday), the Dean’s office will notify nominees and inform them of the requirements for submission of application materials in order to be considered for the award.
- To be considered, the nominee must submit an application that provides supporting evidence for the nomination according to the award criteria. The deadline for applications is February 15 (or the next business day if February 15 falls on a weekend or holiday).
- Nominations are evaluated and a recipient is chosen by a selection committee consisting of previous CAS Faculty Research Award recipients.
Application
Nominees who choose to be considered must submit an application that includes the following elements in the specified order:

- A description of the nominee’s research or creative accomplishments during the previous 18 months;
- A narrative relating those accomplishments to the criteria for the award;
- Evidence of external peer recognition of the work; and
- Selected examples of the research/creative products.

The application must be no more than four pages in length, exclusive of selected examples. A full CV should not be included with the application, as this award highlights recent research accomplishments rather than the applicant’s body of work over the course of a career.