



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 9, 2017

TO: Deans, Department Chairs, Center/Institute Directors, Faculty

FROM: Lawrence Schovanec, President
Michael Galyean, Provost and Senior Vice President
Joe Heppert, Vice President for Research

SUBJECT: Faculty Nominations for Edith and Peter O'Donnell Awards (TAMEST)

As part of the drive to increase recognition of our distinguished faculty and increase the national and international visibility of Texas Tech University, we have developed a system to prepare TTU faculty nominations for prestigious external awards.

A list of these awards and a general timeline and procedure for submitting applications and nominations may be accessed at www.depts.ttu.edu/vpr/award-ops/major-ext-awards.php.

Foremost among major awards in Texas are the Edith and Peter O'Donnell Awards from The Academy of Medicine, Engineering & Science of Texas (www.tamest.org/programs/odonnell.html), described at their website as:

The O'Donnell Awards annually recognize rising Texas researchers who are addressing the essential role that science and technology play in society, and whose work meets the highest standards of exemplary professional performance, creativity and resourcefulness. The O'Donnell Awards acknowledge outstanding achievements by Texas-based researchers in four categories: Medicine, Engineering, Science, and Technology Innovation. Each award includes a \$25,000 honorarium and an invitation to present at TAMEST's Annual Conference in January.

These awards are highly selective prizes conferred on exceptional individuals of extraordinary achievements who have been working in Texas for the past two years and are within 15 years of their first faculty appointment (within 25 years of first industry position for Technology Innovation category). We believe that we have among our faculty some who are deserving of these recognitions, and we are keen to facilitate their nominations.

Therefore, we invite you to consider nominating your TTU colleagues, as well as yourself, for these awards. For guidelines and eligibility criteria see <http://tamest.org/odonnell-awards>.

All nominations should be sent to the Office of the Vice President for Research through the on-line nomination website at ttu.infoready4.com. After opening the nomination link, click on the "Apply" button on the right-hand side and log in using the Texas Tech login option (eRaider). Include the nominee's name, contact information, CV, and a brief (half-page) justification for the nomination.

Please submit nomination suggestions by October 15, 2017.

C: Pat DeLucia, Associate Vice President for Research; Rob Stewart, Senior Vice Provost