To: Purdue West Lafayette Campus Faculty  
Date: January 25, 2016  
From: Suresh V. Garimella, Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships (EVPRP)  
Subject: 2016 Nominations for three West Lafayette campus research awards

2016 Herbert Newby McCoy Award – Natural Sciences  
2016 Purdue Research and Scholarship Distinction Award – Humanities and Social Sciences  
2016 Arden L. Bement Jr. Award – Pure or Applied Science or Engineering

I am very pleased to request nominations for our prestigious University-wide awards for research, scholarly or creative works. Purdue bestows three awards of distinction each year to colleagues from the West Lafayette campus who have made recent extraordinary research, scholarly, or creative contributions in their field. They include the:

- Purdue University Research and Scholarship Distinction Award for extraordinary contributions in the humanities and social sciences;
- Arden L. Bement Jr. Award for extraordinary contributions in pure or applied science or engineering;
- Herbert Newby McCoy Award for extraordinary contributions in the natural sciences.

The awards represent the depth and breadth of the talented faculty at Purdue University on this campus. They are a cause for celebration, and I look forward to receiving your nominations for these prestigious Purdue University awards.

Descriptions of the three awards and the nomination processes are located on our website at: www.purdue.edu/research/rschdev/fund_main.php.

An individual can only be nominated for a single award in any year. Past winners of one of the awards are not eligible for an award from the other categories.

Supporting letters must accompany all nominations. The selection committee places significant weight on letters from individuals independent of the Purdue community. Letters from Purdue colleagues also are valuable. For each letter, please include a brief statement of the author’s expertise, distinctions and relationship, if any, to the nominee.

To help the selection committees appreciate the impact and significance of the nominee’s work, nominators (or their representatives) will be invited to make a brief (10 minute) presentation and answer questions during the selection committee meeting. This presentation carries substantial weight in the selection process as it allows committee members to more fully understand the impact of the work relative to the nominee’s field. The nominator(s) of award winners will be invited to introduce them at the distinguished lectures to be held on Monday, October 31, 2016.

I enthusiastically await your nominations and sincerely appreciate your efforts to recognize your colleagues and their contributions. For questions or additional information, please contact Sherri Neibert at 765-494-6840 or neiberts@purdue.edu.
Herbert Newby McCoy Award –
Natural Sciences

Through the generosity of Mrs. Ethel Terry McCoy, a Trust Fund was given to the Trustees of Purdue University to establish an annual award to a student or faculty member “in the science departments of Purdue University making the greatest contribution of the year to science.” Any student or faculty member who has made a recent major impact in the natural sciences is eligible for the award, regardless of college/school or departmental affiliation. However, an individual cannot be nominated for both the Herbert Newby McCoy Award and the Arden L. Bement Jr Award, as this latter award is limited to faculty not eligible for the McCoy Award. The McCoy Award is intended to honor a recent past achievement(s) of major scientific impact; the award is not a “lifetime achievement” award.

A list of previous award recipients is available at: www.purdue.edu/research/funding-and-grant-writing/funding/herbert-newby-mccoy-award/.

Supporting letters must accompany all nominations. The selection committee places significant weight on letters from individuals independent of the Purdue community. Letters from Purdue colleagues also are valuable. For each letter, please include a brief statement of the author’s expertise, distinctions, and relationship, if any, to the nominee.

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Nomination packets should be submitted electronically to Sherri Neibert (neiberts@purdue.edu) by Wednesday, March 23, 2016. Nominations may be made by any member of the University community. The nomination packet should include:

1. A concise summary statement, not more than two pages in length, that describes the impact and significance of the nominee’s recent work justifying nomination for the McCoy Award.
2. The nominee's curriculum vitae.
3. A complete list of all publications or similar works produced during the five-year period preceding January 1, 2016.
4. Copies of no more than five publications, manuscripts, or similar works that substantiate the impact of the contribution.
5. Any additional supporting information that the nominator considers to be significant.
6. Include no more than five letters supporting the impact and significance of the nominee’s contribution to science. Letters supporting previous nominations for the award may be submitted if they were written within the preceding three years.
Research and Scholarship Distinction Award
Humanities and Social Sciences

The Purdue University Research and Scholarship Distinction Award for the Humanities and Social Sciences is an annual award intended for faculty whose recent research, scholarship or creative work has made a major impact on the humanities and social sciences.

The Research and Scholarship Distinction Award is intended to honor achievement(s) of major impact from the recent past; the award is not a “lifetime achievement” award. An individual can receive the award once only.

A list of previous award recipients is available at: www.purdue.edu/research/funding-and-grant-writing/funding/research-and-scholarship-distinction-award/.

Supporting letters must accompany all nominations. The selection committee places significant weight on letters from individuals independent of the Purdue community. Letters from Purdue colleagues also are valuable. For each letter, please include a brief statement of the author’s expertise, distinctions, and relationship, if any, to the nominee.

To assist the selection committees in understanding the impact and significance of the nominee’s work, nominators (or their representatives) will be invited to make a brief (10 minute) presentation and answer questions during the selection committee meetings. This presentation carries significant weight in the selection process as it allows committee members to more fully understand the impact of the work. The presentation schedule will be developed after all nominations have been received. The successful nominators will be invited to introduce award winners at the distinguished lecture.

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1. A concise summary statement, not more than two pages in length, that describes the impact and significance of the nominee’s recent work leading to nomination for the Purdue University Research and Scholarship Distinction Award.

2. The nominee’s curriculum vitae.

3. A complete list of all research, scholarly, or creative works produced during the five-year period preceding January 1, 2016.

4. Copies or other representations of no more than five discipline-appropriate works that substantiate the impact of the contribution.

5. Any additional supporting information that the nominator considers to be significant.

6. Include no more than five letters supporting the impact and significance of the nominee’s contribution to their field. Letters supporting previous nominations for the award may be submitted if they were written within the preceding three years.
Arden L. Bement Jr. Award
Pure or Applied Science or Engineering

The Arden L. Bement Jr. Award for Pure or Applied Science or Engineering is an annual award intended for faculty whose recent research or scholarship has made a major impact on pure or applied science or engineering disciplines generally considered distinct from the natural sciences.

The Research and Scholarship Distinction Award is intended to honor achievement(s) of major impact from the recent past; the award is not a “lifetime achievement” award. An individual can only be nominated for a single award.

A list of previous award recipients is available at: http://www.purdue.edu/research/funding-and-grant-writing/funding/arden-l-bement-jr-award/.

Supporting letters must accompany all nominations. The selection committee places significant weight on letters from individuals independent of the Purdue community. Letters from Purdue colleagues also are valuable. For each letter, please include a brief statement of the author’s expertise, distinctions, and relationship, if any, to the nominee.

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1. A concise summary statement, not more than two pages in length, that describes the impact and significance of the nominee’s recent work leading to nomination for the Arden L. Bement Jr. Award.

2. The nominee's curriculum vitae.

3. A complete list of all scholarly or creative works during the five-year period preceding January 1, 2016.

4. Copies of no more than five discipline-appropriate works, such as publications, manuscripts or patents that substantiate the impact of the contribution.

5. Any additional supporting information that the nominator considers to be significant.

6. Include no more than five letters supporting the impact and significance of the nominee’s contribution to their field. Letters, not more than three years old, from previous nominations for the award may be submitted.