



Executive Vice President for
Research and Partnerships

To: Purdue West Lafayette Campus Faculty

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From: Theresa Mayer, Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships (EVPRP)

Subject: 2021 Nominations for Lu Ann Aday Award, Arden L. Bement Jr. Award, and Herbert Newby McCoy Award

2021 Lu Ann Aday Award – Humanities and Social Sciences

2021 Arden L. Bement Jr. Award – Pure and Applied Sciences and Engineering

2021 Herbert Newby McCoy Award – Natural Sciences

All Award Nominations are Due March 10, 2021

I am very pleased to request nominations for Purdue's most 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:

- Lu Ann Aday Award for excellence in research, scholarship, and creative work in the humanities and social sciences;
- Arden L. Bement Jr. Award for extraordinary contributions in pure and applied sciences and engineering; and
- Herbert Newby McCoy Award for extraordinary contributions in the natural sciences.

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

In the fall, we celebrated the "Excellence in Research" event by holding three virtual distinguished lectures by our university-wide award winners. The event concluded with a virtual event celebrating the Purdue University Distinguished Research awardees, Seeds for Success recipients, Academic Units awards and more. The lectures and award event can be viewed on the research awards website: <https://www.purdue.edu/research/awards/overview.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 another award from the other categories. External supporting letters must accompany all nominations.

To assist the selection committee in their understanding of 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 appreciate the impact of the work relative to the nominee's field.

I look forward to your nominations and sincerely appreciate your efforts in recognizing your colleagues and their contributions. For questions or additional information, please contact Shelley Burton at slburton@purdue.edu

The Lu Ann Aday Award - Humanities and Social Sciences

The most prestigious award given by the university for excellence in research, scholarship, and creative work in the humanities and social sciences

Through the generosity of Dr. Lu Ann Aday, Lorne D. Bain Distinguished Professor Emerita in Public Health and Medicine at the University of Texas School of Public Health-Houston, the Lu Ann Aday Award for Humanities and Social Sciences was established in 2017. The award replaces the Research and Scholarship Distinction Award for Humanities and Social Sciences. Any faculty member who has made a recent major impact in research, scholarship, or creative work in the humanities or social sciences is eligible for the award, regardless of college/school or departmental affiliation. The Lu Ann Aday Award is intended to honor a recent past achievement(s) of major impact; the award is not a “lifetime achievement” award.

Nomination instructions and a list of previous award recipients is available at:

<http://www.purdue.edu/research/awards/lu-ann-aday-award>

The recipient of the Lu Ann Aday Award will be notified by the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships.

Arden L. Bement Jr. Award - Pure and Applied Sciences and Engineering

The most prestigious award given by the university in pure and applied sciences and engineering

Through the generosity of Dr. Arden L. Bement, David Ross Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Professor of Material Engineering by courtesy, and Mrs. Louise Bement, the Arden L. Bement Jr. Award for Pure and Applied Science and Engineering was established in 2013. Any faculty member on the West Lafayette campus who has made a recent major impact in the pure or applied sciences or engineering that is distinct from the natural sciences is eligible for the award, regardless of college/school or departmental affiliation. The Bement award is intended to honor a recent past achievement(s) of major scientific impact and is not a “lifetime achievement” award.

Nomination instructions and a list of previous award recipients is available at:

<http://www.purdue.edu/research/awards/arden-l-bement-jr-award>.

The recipient of the Arden L. Bement Jr. Award will be notified by the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships.

Herbert Newby McCoy Award - Natural Sciences

The most prestigious award given by the university in 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 on the West Lafayette campus making the greatest contribution to the natural sciences. 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. The McCoy Award is intended to honor a recent past achievement(s) of major scientific impact; the award is not a “lifetime achievement” award.

Nomination instructions and a list of previous award recipients is available at:

<http://www.purdue.edu/research/awards/herbert-newby-mccoy-award>.

The recipient of the Herbert Newby McCoy Award will be notified by the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships.