This message regarding the annual Herbert Newby McCoy Award, Purdue University Research and Scholarship Distinction Award, and Arden L. Bement Jr. Award is sent on behalf of Suresh Garimella, Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships.

To: Purdue West Lafayette Campus Faculty  
Date: January 11, 2017  
From: Suresh V. Garimella, Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships (EVPRP)  
Subject: 2017 Nominations for McCoy, Purdue Research and Scholarship Distinction, and Arden L. Bement Jr. Awards

2017 Herbert Newby McCoy Award – Natural Sciences  
2017 Purdue Research and Scholarship Distinction Award – Humanities and Social Sciences  
2017 Arden L. Bement Jr. Award – Pure or Applied Science or Engineering

I am very pleased to request nominations for Purdue’s highest level 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:

- Herbert Newby McCoy Award for extraordinary contributions in the natural sciences;
- 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.

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.

Descriptions of the three awards, the nomination processes, and due dates 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 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.

The 2017 three award recipients will be announced in early September.

I look forward to 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/

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The recipient of the Herbert Newby McCoy Award will be notified by the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships and announced publicly in early September.
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/.

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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/.

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