

Dean's Grantsmanship Award

PURPOSE

The Dean's Grantsmanship Award established in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources recognizes the great effort of the faculty members in successfully securing competitive extramural grants and contracts. All tenured, tenure-track, professional track (PTK), and/or any other non-tenure-track contractual faculty are eligible for this award.

THE AWARD

The award will be made annually. All winners will be recognized at the annual State of the College and Awards Program and will receive a plaque. Also, the top three winners (in terms of cumulative total dollar amount) will receive a cash award of \$1,000 each. The cash award will be disbursed following university policies and will be taxable according to IRS guidelines.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The sole criterion for this award is the cumulative total dollar amount* \geq \$600,000 in competitive extramural grants/contracts secured by the faculty member serving as a principal or co-principal investigator (PI or co-PI) during the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). The secured extramural grants/contracts must be in response to a standard Request for Application (RFA) from nationally or regionally recognized funding agencies/organizations. The grant/contract must be applied and/or managed through UMD. Subcontracts awarded to UMD will be counted towards the total. If multiple faculty members participate on a grant/contract, the dollar amount supporting the faculty member's research, teaching, and/or extension/outreach activities will be used to calculate the cumulative total dollar amount*. Congressional support (earmarks), gifts, and state support in the form of special grants or line items will not be used to calculate the cumulative total dollar amount. For grants that are disbursed annually (*e.g.*, those from NIH), as opposed to the total grant amount (*e.g.*, those from NSF), the faculty member's share of the total grant amount (over the entire performance period) will be used to calculate the cumulative total dollar amount.

SELECTION PROCESS

The grant/contract award information will be obtained from the Office of Research Administration (ORA) and/or AgPAS. The sources and nature of funding will be reviewed and verified with the department chairs to exclude congressional earmarks, line items, and special grants. Once the grants/contracts are verified, the Associate Dean for Research will make the recommendation for the award winners to the Dean. The Dean will decide on the award recipients. This award is being introduced on a trial basis. The selection criteria and process may change in future years depending on the experience gained and feedback received from the faculty members.

*Cumulative total dollar amount is calculated using the faculty member's share on one or more grants. As an example, in a particular fiscal year, if the total funding received by the faculty member as a PI/Co-PI on a grant is \$500,000, but the faculty member's share is 50% on the grant, \$250,000 will be credited towards the faculty member for this award. If the faculty member receives another grant in the same fiscal year, the faculty member's share will be added to calculate the cumulative total dollar amount.