2018 Faculty Award for Distinction in Mentoring Undergraduates in Research

Purpose – The Honors College and the Office of Undergraduate Research have developed a procedure to better recognize, reward and encourage faculty members who mentor undergraduate students in research and creative endeavors. Nominations for this award will be accepted through March 9, 2018. Nominations are accepted from any source - WVU College Deans, Department Chairs, faculty colleagues, and student researchers, including self-nomination. Nomination of a faculty member from several sources (e.g., multiple students, faculty colleagues or a combination thereof) tend to enhance the nomination.

Outstanding nominees will be invited to submit supporting documentation. Awards will be made at the annual Honors College Recognition Ceremony in May.

Award: Students, staff, faculty, alumni and the public are invited to nominate faculty who exhibit the qualities of excellent research mentorship, including but not limited to:

- Establishing a strong professional mentoring relationship with their student(s)
- Acting as a role model for methods of inquiry or artistic expression in the chosen field of study and for the responsible and ethical conduct of research or creative activity
- Demonstrating an ability to inspire students to pursue research or scholarly activity
- Supporting the dissemination of student work through recognized professional outlets

Eligibility: Any full-time tenure or non-tenure track West Virginia University faculty member who has not received this award in the past five (5) years.

Nominations: All eligible nominations will be considered. Nominations must include a description of why the person should receive the award. For example, how has the nominee gone beyond his/her normal job responsibilities (beyond regular coursework/teaching responsibilities) to include undergraduates in research/creative work? How has inclusion of undergraduates in research impacted the students and/or the department? Submit nominations at:

http://undergraduateresearch.wvu.edu/faculty-resources/faculty-award

Committee: Nominations will be reviewed and outstanding nominees will be invited to submit supporting documentation.

Award: Winner will receive a plaque and a small grant to be used for continued support of undergraduate research.

Questions: Contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at undergradresearch@mail.wvu.edu

Past Awardees:

2017: Drs. Natalie Shook and Kirk Hazen
2016: Dr. James E. Smith