TO: Deans, Department Chairs, and Faculty

FROM: Entrepreneurial Faculty Scholars
( Glenn D. Prestwich, Chair, Executive Committee)

RE: Nominations for Distinguished Innovation and Impact Award

The Distinguished Innovation and Impact Award (DIIA) recognizes outstanding faculty innovators for contributions that improved the lives of people. The DIIA recognizes contributions by faculty from all academic disciplines, including health care, energy, environment, business, law, communications, technology, design, or the creative arts. Awards are given each year to one or two outstanding faculty members who have distinguished themselves and the University through entrepreneurial activities that resulted in innovations with measurable and significant societal impact. All faculty on career, clinical, or tenure tracks are eligible. The recipient receives public recognition plus a $10,000 cash award to be used at his or her discretion.

Nominations for this award are accepted throughout the year on behalf of eligible faculty with at least five years of service at the University of Utah. Faculty, administrators, and alumni are welcome to submit nominations for this prestigious University award. Nominees are eligible for three years and additional information will be solicited when renewing a nomination from a previous year. Past awardees are profiled at http://www.efs.utah.edu/diia.php.

Letters of nomination containing a short statement outlining the qualifications of the nominee and curriculum vitae for this award are now being solicited. Nominations should be submitted electronically using a nomination form. The success of our nomination campaign depends, to a large extent, on the initiative of departments, administrative offices, and campus organizations.

The deadline for submission of the nominations is December 4, 2015 at 5 p.m. The nomination form and other information may be found online at http://academic-affairs.utah.edu/awards-nominations/distinguished-innovation-impact-award/. The nomination form and curriculum vitae should be submitted online. For more information, call Kataleeeya Kumsooktawonge at 801-581-8661.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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