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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents
Academic Affairs Council
Research Affairs Council
Student Affairs Council
Faculty Senate Chairs
Student Body Presidents

FROM: Renee Davis, Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

RE: Call for Nominations – 2027 Nevada Regents' Awards

This is an invitation for nominations by the institutions for the following annual Board of Regents' awards:

- **Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award –** Two recipients:
  - One recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, and NSU; and
  - One recipient selected from nominations from CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC.

- **Nevada Regents' Researcher Award – Three** recipients:
  - Distinguished Career - One recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSU and DRI
  - Mid-Career - One recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSU and DRI
  - Humanities and Social Sciences – One recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSU, and DRI.

- **Nevada Regents' Teaching Award –** Four recipients:
  - One tenured or tenure track recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSU, and DRI; and
  - One non-tenured or non-tenure track recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSU, and DRI; and
  - One tenured or tenure track recipient selected from nominations from CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC; and
  - One non-tenured or non-tenure track recipient selected from nominations from CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC

- **Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Award –** Three recipients:
  - Undergraduate Advisement – One selected from CSN, GBC, TMCC, and WNC
  - Undergraduate Advisement – One selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR and NSU
  - Graduate Advisement – One selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSU and DRI

Deadlines, Eligibility Guidelines and Selection Procedures:

All nominations and the accompanying materials for these awards must be submitted by the institutions to the System Office no later than **Friday, October 9, 2026** to allow time for NSHE selection committees to consider the nominations and finalize their recommendations prior to the deadline for submission of materials to the Board of Regents for its quarterly meeting in March, 2027. These awards will be presented to the Board's Academic, Research and Student Affairs (ARSA) Committee for approval.

Attached is a copy of the procedures delineating the eligibility guidelines for each award, each step of the selection and award process, and the stipend amounts (*Procedures and Guidelines Manual*, Chapter 8, Section 2). Please note that pursuant to *Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 20.2* (also enclosed), each NSHE institution should continue to grant its own annual academic advisor award with a minimum stipend of $1,000, the maximum amount to be determined by the institution. This institutional award is granted in addition to the Regents' Academic Advisor Awards.

Attached are nomination forms for all awards. All nomination packets must include the specific nomination form as a **cover sheet** and a **separate document** containing a half-page biography of the nominee (**written in third-person format in Microsoft Word**) and be submitted via electronic email.

Jen Porrier is the System's primary point of contact for this call for nominations. She can be reached directly at (775) 784-3443 or via email at jporrier@nshe.nevada.edu, should you have any questions or need assistance.

Institutional Selection Process for the Jason Geddes Rising Researcher Award (formerly Regents' Rising Researcher Award) and the Sam Lieberman Regents' Award for Student Scholarship (formerly Regents' Scholar Awards):

The selection process for the Jason Geddes Rising Researcher Award (formerly Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Awards) and the Sam Lieberman Regents' Award for Student Scholarship (formerly Regents' Scholar Awards) is managed at each institution, and therefore has the later deadline of **Friday, December 4, 2026**, as each institution's material must reach the System Office in sufficient time for submission of materials to the Board of Regents for its quarterly meeting in March, 2027.

All nomination materials, as outlined below, must be submitted via electronic email to Jen Porrier at jporrier@nshe.nevada.edu

1. **Jason Geddes Rising Researcher Award (formerly Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award) – UNLV, UNR, NSU and DRI**

   These awards are given annually to ***up to three faculty members at each UNLV, UNR, NSU and DRI***. General selection criteria for this award are outlined in the attached procedures. As a reminder, the Jason Geddes Rising Researcher Award recipient receives a $2,000 cash stipend paid by each institution directly to the recipient.

   For each of these awards, UNLV, UNR, NSU and DRI must each provide a completed Jason Geddes Rising Researcher Nomination Form as the **cover page**, attach a separate document containing a one-half page **biography** of the nominee written in third-person format in Microsoft Word, and a formal letter of nomination stating why its recipient was selected. The nomination form is attached.

2. **Sam Lieberman Regents' Award for Student Scholarship – Universities, State University and Community Colleges**
   In addition to the awards for faculty and staff, the Regents recognize outstanding student scholars at each NSHE institution. General selection criteria for this award are outlined in the attached procedures, and the awards are distributed as follows:

   - Community colleges – one student per institution.
   - State University – one student.
   - Universities – one undergraduate and one graduate student per institution.

   For each of these awards, each institution must provide a completed Sam Lieberman Regents' Award for Student Scholarship Nomination Form as the **cover page**, attach a separate document containing a one-half page **biography** of the nominee written in third-person format in Microsoft Word, and a formal letter of nomination stating why its scholar was selected. The nomination form is attached.

Please make certain that all your eligible faculty, staff and students are aware of these Board of Regents' tributes to excellence. Thank you for your assistance as we honor outstanding performance throughout the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Attachments

cc: Chancellor's Cabinet
James Martines
Keri Nikolajewski