


MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Associate Deans for Academic Affairs and Department Heads in the Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Education, Engineering, Natural Resources, Sciences, Textiles and Veterinary Medicine

FROM: Warwick A. Arden 
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

SUBJECT: 2022-23 Goodnight Early Career Innovators Award Program

DATE: November 11, 2022

The Goodnight Early Career Innovators Award Program, established in spring 2021 through the generous support of James and Ann Goodnight, was created to recognize and reward early career tenure-track faculty with outstanding promise for scholarly achievement and impact in STEM or STEM education. I am pleased to announce that the program is continuing for the 2022-23 academic year. This year, we will identify approximately 25 tenure-track assistant professors as Goodnight Early Career Innovators. Selected faculty will receive \$22,000 each year for three years for scholarship-related spending.

Nomination Submission Deadline
Monday, December 12, 2022**Nomination Process**

The nomination process will remain the same. Nominations are limited to all tenure-track assistant professors.

Each participating college has a nomination cap, based on tenure-track assistant professor FTEs, as follows:

- Agriculture and Life Sciences - 13
- Education - 3
- Engineering - 10
- Natural Resources - 2
- Sciences - 6
- Textiles - 2
- Veterinary Medicine – 5

Eligibility

Nominees must be tenure-track assistant professors from a participating college at the time of application. Their scholarship must be clearly and substantively contributing to innovations and advancement in STEM or STEM education. No faculty member may be selected as a recipient more than once.

Selection Criteria

Nominees should show outstanding promise for future achievement and impact in STEM or STEM education. A strong nominee will have demonstrated superior scholarly achievement at an early career

stage and will have a rigorous research agenda that speaks to the candidate's potential to advance knowledge in STEM or STEM education. Evidence of early productivity in research and innovation may include a strong early record of scholarly publication or dissemination appropriate to the discipline (including co-authorship with leaders in their field), external funding, or recognition as an early career leader in their field (e.g. National Science Foundation or National Institutes of Health pre- and post-doctoral awards).

Nomination Materials

- Current CV and SFR (maximum 25 pages total)
- Letter of nomination from the nominee's department head addressing the nominee's qualifications and potential for future achievement and impact in STEM or STEM education (maximum two pages)
- Letter from the dean supporting the nomination at the university level and the nominee's potential for research leadership in the college (maximum two pages)

Submission Process

Please submit all nomination documents within two PDF files.

- PDF File 1 should contain the current CV and SFR
- PDF File 2 should contain the department head's letter of nomination and the dean's letter of support (two pages per letter)
- Submit both PDF files as email attachments or upload to Google Drive
- Email subject line: GECEI 2023 NOMINATION, college acronym, nominee last name (Example: GECEI 2023 NOMINATION, CALS, Jones)

Submit materials to Judy Austin, events and awards coordinator, at jcaustin@ncsu.edu by email attachment or upload to Google Drive. Please contact Ms. Austin if you have any questions or concerns regarding submissions.

Goodnight Award Advisory Committee

In spring 2023, a faculty-driven committee comprising a representative from each of the participating colleges will review the nomination materials and will meet to make its recommendations to Provost Arden. Since the committee was charged with serving for two years (2021-21 and 2022-23) changes in committee membership are not anticipated. Should a college representative be unable to serve within the timeframe listed below, that representative's dean will be asked to nominate two senior faculty, one of whom will be selected by Provost Arden to serve on the committee for this year.

Timeline

I have established the following timeline for the 2022-23 process:

- **December 12:** Nomination submission deadline
- **December 14, 2022 - January 26, 2023:** Nomination review period for advisory committee
- **Late January/Early February:** Advisory committee recommendation meeting (90 minutes)
- **Mid to late February:** 2022-23 Goodnight Early Career Innovators Award announcement
- **July 1:** Funds available for 2022-23 Goodnight Early Career Innovators Award recipients

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Goodnight Early Career Innovators Award Program details, including eligibility and selection criteria can also be found on the [Provost's Office website](#).

I look forward to receiving the nominations and recognizing the outstanding scholarship among our early career faculty. If you have questions about the nomination procedures or timeline, please contact Judy Austin at jcaustin@ncsu.edu.

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