

March 2, 2017

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Department Heads, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Resident Directors, Texas A&M AgriLife Research  
Institute Directors

**SUBJECT:** Solicitation of Nominations for 2016-2017 Regents Fellow Service Awards  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research

I am pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2016-2017 Regents Fellow Service Awards. As you may recall, in 1998 the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System established the **Regents Fellow Service Awards** to “honor service, extension and research professionals who have provided exemplary professional service to society that has created large and lasting benefits to Texas and beyond.” This award is specifically for agency professionals in the agricultural and engineering agencies and is analogous to the Regents Professor Awards.

Texas A&M AgriLife Research is eligible to submit two nominations for the Regents Fellow Service Award. The guidelines and criteria, pre-nomination form and other information for this award may be accessed on the Texas A&M AgriLife Awards website at <http://agrilifeawards.tamu.edu/>.

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Candidate must be a full-time senior level researcher or service delivery professional (*no less than 50% agency appointment*) with a minimum of five (5) consecutive years within the A&M System.

Please note that individuals who have received the Regents Professor Award are ineligible. Individuals who hold joint appointments are eligible for this award. However, in determining the merits of their nomination, please recognize that the intent of this award is to honor research professionals within Texas A&M AgriLife Research who have provided exemplary professional service as stated in the following criteria:

**Selection Criteria** (includes, but not limited to, the following):

- Distinguished record of educational or program delivery/scholarship in research, extension or service;
- Demonstrated a sincere commitment to Texas A&M AgriLife Research and within the A&M System;
- Creative ability and adherence to scientific philosophy and scholarly principles;

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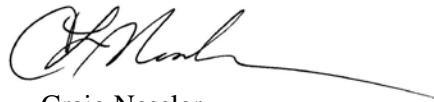
- Exceptional contributions to knowledge base and/or development of scholarly principles that have resulted in published research, inventions, processes or methods that are significant and influential to the respective agency;
- Outstanding, creative ability to conduct and deliver educational, research, extension and/or service programs that result in an enriched environment, enhanced economic returns, or a higher standard of living and/or quality of life; and
- Recognition by professionals within nominee's field or scientific community as evidenced through honors and awards, participation on state/national or international committees, panels or commissions; and
- Documented recognition by external stakeholders, clients and/or constituents.

Your department/research unit is encouraged to nominate individuals whom you regard as qualified for this prestigious award by submitting the pre-nomination form, plus a brief resume or vitae. Again, the guidelines and criteria, pre-nomination form and other information for this award may be accessed on the Texas A&M AgriLife Awards website at <http://agrilifeawards.tamu.edu/>.

**Please submit your pre-nomination materials electronically to [Agawards@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Agawards@ag.tamu.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

A panel of faculty will review these pre-nominations and provide me with its recommendations. My office will work with the final nominee(s) to request additional information in submitting a final award portfolio to the Chancellor's Office by the stated deadline.

If you should have any questions regarding this award program, please feel free to contact me or Gretchen Philipp at (979) 862-1771.



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