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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
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SUBJECT: *Call for Nominations for 2015-2016 Regents Professor Award*

In an effort to recognize and honor faculty in The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents established a ***Regents Professor Award*** to honor individuals at the rank of professor or equivalent who have provided exemplary service as faculty members not only to their university or agency, but also to the community, the State of Texas and/or the nation, and/or at the international level.

Texas A&M AgriLife is eligible to submit one nomination for this award, and I would like to encourage your department/unit/agency to consider nominating an individual for this award. AgriLife Directors, please feel free to distribute as appropriate. [Note: TAMU is also eligible to submit nominations for the Regents Professor Awards, and the Faculty Senate coordinates these nominations.]

As you will note in the following criteria, one of the eligibility requirements for this award is that the nominee must have a ***“distinguished record of teaching combined with accomplishments in research or other creative or scholarly activity.”*** In considering a nominee for this award, the following criteria should be considered:

- Be a full-time faculty member with the rank of professor or equivalent for a minimum of five consecutive years at an A&M System University or agency (may include department heads);
- A record of distinguished teaching combined with accomplishments of research or other creative or scholarly activity;
- A record of outstanding service both at the local and state, and/or national, and/or international levels;
- A record of notable indicators of the potential for continuation of distinguished performance in teaching (including contributions in research or other creative or scholarly activity and outstanding service); and
- A record of demonstrated commitment to the university/agency or health science component.

The guidelines and criteria for this award, pre-nomination form and additional information may be obtained on the Texas A&M AgriLife Awards website at <http://agrilifeawards.tamu.edu/>.

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You and your colleagues are encouraged to nominate individuals whom you regard as qualified for this prestigious award by submitting the pre-nomination form, plus a brief resume or curriculum vitae. **Please submit your pre-nomination materials electronically to Agawards@ag.tamu.edu no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1st.**

A panel of faculty will review these pre-nominations and provide me with its recommendations. My office will contact the final nominee to request additional information in submitting a formal nomination and 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 Kelsey Agnew at 979-845-3713.



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