



Regents Fellow Service Award

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Purpose, Award and Eligibility

Purpose

Each year, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System honors and recognizes extension, research, and service professionals within the system agencies and the veterinary medical diagnostic laboratory. The Regents Fellow Service Award is the highest honor bestowed by the A&M System on extension, research, and service members. These professionals must have demonstrated significant commitment and contributions to their respective agencies by providing exceptional leadership in educational or program delivery/scholarship, research, extension, or service that has resulted in significant impact and lasting benefits to Texas and beyond.

Award

The Regents Fellow Service Award is based on the nominee's accomplishments throughout the past fiscal year. The designation of Regents Fellow is the highest System-wide honor and carries significant responsibilities. Regents Fellows are expected to function as role models within the A&M System and to devote appropriate service to System-wide activities, both ceremonial and professional when requested by their chief executive officer and/or the chancellor.

Eligibility

A Regents Fellow Service Award nominee must be a full-time senior-level researcher or service delivery professional with at least a 50% agency appointment for at least five (5) consecutive years within the A&M System.

The Regents Fellow nominee must present evidence of the following:

- ❑ A distinguished record of educational or program delivery/scholarship, research, extension, or service
- ❑ A distinguished record of outstanding service at the local and state and/or national/international levels
- ❑ A demonstrated record of significant commitment and contributions to their A&M System agency
- ❑ A record of notable indicators of the potential for the continuation of distinguished performance in at least one of the following areas: educational or program delivery/scholarship, research, extension, or service
- ❑ 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 or program delivery/scholarship, research, extension, or service (as appropriate to the agency)
- ❑ Recognition by professionals within the nominee's field or scientific community as evidenced through honors and awards, participation on state/national or international committees, panels, or commissions; and
- ❑ Recognition by external stakeholders, clients, and/or constituents

Individuals who have received the Regents Professor Award are not eligible to receive the Regents Fellow Service Award.



Nomination Process

Call for Nominations

In February, the A&M System chancellor will send a call for nominations to the university and agency Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and Chief Academic Officers. After receiving the call for nominations, the university and agency leaders will distribute the call to their respective directors, division heads, assistant directors, program chairs, and others as appropriate.

Agency Nomination Process

Upon receipt of the chancellor's Call for Nominations for the Regents Fellow Service Award, the agency's CEO and/or vice chancellor will announce the onset of the nomination and selection process. The CEO shall appoint a review/selection committee. It is recommended that the committee include a past Regents Fellow recipient to serve as an ex-officio representative.

Nominations may originate from division heads, directors, program chairs, administrators, award committees, and individuals or groups of professional staff members. All nominations should be coordinated through the nominee's organizational unit and/or the chief executive officer.

Number of Nominations

Agencies employing less than 200 research, extension, or service professionals may forward up to one (1) Regents Fellow nomination for consideration by the A&M System Review Committee each year. Those having more than 200 professionals may forward up to two (2) nominations. An agency may not increase its nominations submitted in a given year to make up for years in which it did not offer a nomination.

Beginning in 2023, Prairie View A&M University's extension agencies shall be eligible for annual Regents Fellow Service Award allotments.

Nomination Packet

The designation of Regents Fellow is the most prestigious award from the A&M System to highlight exemplary agency professionals. Therefore, the nomination packet assembled for review should summarize the best of the nominee's leadership performance in programmatic development and delivery, research, extension, or service during their career.

Although it is optional for a nominee to have demonstrated an equal exemplary performance record in all three service areas (educational or program delivery/scholarship, research, extension, or service), the nominee should have experience in more than one area. Therefore, the nomination packet should highlight the respective service area(s) considered worthy of the award.

The selection process is a two-step procedure. The first step requires the submission of materials for the Agency Nomination Packet. The second step involves submitting additional materials for the System Nomination Packet.

