

Early Career Research Excellence Award

The **Early Career Research Excellence Award** will be presented each fall at EVMS Research Day to honor and recognize early career researchers or clinician scientists who have exhibited a significant contribution to their discipline through widely disseminated and impactful research relatively early in their academic careers.

This award recognizes the individual's outstanding research achievements, innovative approaches, influence within their academic field, and potential for continued excellence. It serves not only as recognition of their early accomplishments, but also as an encouragement to continue striving for research excellence throughout their academic careers. The recipients will receive a \$500 monetary stipend and a commemorative award.

Eligibility and Nomination:

Up to 2 awardees (one for each category – Category A: Post-Doctoral or Clinical Fellow; Category B: Assistant Professor who is in the first 3 years of Assistant Professorship) will be selected from the qualified nominees who are affiliated with a clinical or basic science department at the medical school.

Full-time faculty and Chairs are encouraged to nominate eligible post-doctoral/clinical fellows or assistant professor faculty for this award. Those previously awarded are ineligible to reapply. The nominee may not have had any formal disciplinary action or report of professional misconduct within 36 months prior to the nomination date.

Evaluation of nominees will be based primarily upon evidence of a/an:

- Obvious commitment to the profession and to the school's mission, vision and values
- Notable body of research that exhibits excellence in originality, creativity, and depth of concept
- Significant impact of research and research scholarship on the field or society
 - Presentation of research at academic conferences, symposia, or other professional gatherings
 - Demonstrated record of peer-reviewed publications in recognized academic journals
 - Trajectory of increasing influence within the academic field, including items such as citations, H-index, recognition by peers, grants, or other awards
- Potential for continued research excellence and innovation in their academic career

Nomination packets must include:

- Chair's support letter detailing why the nominee is deserving of the award and outlines the significance of the nominee's research portfolio along with brief, but specific examples that address the evaluation criteria above (up to 1 page)
 - *Optional:* If the nominator is not the Chair, an additional statement from the nominator may be included which explains why they have nominated the person for the award (up to 1 page)
- Narrative from the nominee providing brief, but specific examples that address the evaluation criteria above and explain why they should receive the award (up to 2 pages)
- Nominee's [EVMS-formatted CV](#)

Submission of nomination packet:

Nomination packets must be assembled into a single PDF document. The complete electronic nomination packet will be due by 12:00 Noon on Monday, September 9, 2024 to EVMSResearch@evms.edu, with the title of the award included in the subject line.

Award Selection

The Research Advisory Committee will appoint a diverse group of faculty and professional staff representing EVMS basic science and clinical departments to review nominations and select awardees based on the evaluation criteria.