

# Guidelines for Nominations for the Montana State University

## Award for Meritorious Technology/Science

Deadline: October 31, 2011

The Montana State University Award for Meritorious Technology/Science will be given to an MSU faculty member who has made one or more significant technological/scientific contributions. It is essential that the technology has the potential for transfer to the private sector, or has already been successfully transferred to the private sector, therefore, it is expected that an invention disclosure has been filed regarding the technology or that a patent for the technology has been filed/granted. Individuals who have been granted plant variety protection may also be considered for this award.

The MSU Meritorious Technology/Science Award will include an honorarium of \$2,500 and a plaque recognizing the recipient.

The following guidelines apply to the nomination and selection process for identifying a recipient of the Montana State University Award for Meritorious Technology/Science:

1. Any Montana State University-Bozeman faculty member or academic administrator may nominate a faculty member for this award; however, a faculty member may not nominate himself/herself. In addition, nominations from scientist/administrators from other academic institutions, the private sector or government laboratories will also be accepted.
2. The nomination letter must clearly justify the reasons the nominee should be recognized. The nominator must also articulate the importance of the technological/scientific advance(s) contributed by the nominee.
3. In addition to the nomination letter, the nominator must submit a maximum of two letters of support with his/her letter of nomination. Support letters must describe the nature of the technological/scientific accomplishment(s). The letter must include an assessment of the originality of the contribution and an evaluation of the realized or potential impact of the technology. It is strongly recommended that at least one of these letters of support be an external assessment of the technological/scientific advances(s) under consideration.
4. Nomination materials must include a current vita of the nominee.

The award and a plaque will be presented to the recipient at a university-wide event during the first days of the spring semester.

The MSU Award for Meritorious Technology/Science will not necessarily be awarded every year.