




January 30, 2009

To: Deans, Department Heads and Directors

From: Thomas J. McCoy, Vice President for 
Research, Creativity and Technology Transfer

Re: Call for Nominations for the Meritorious Technology/Science Award

The MSU Award for Meritorious Technology/Science is one way of recognizing an MSU faculty member who has made one or more significant technological/scientific contribution(s). This award is intended for faculty members who have made discoveries that will likely be transferred or already have been transferred to the private sector, and that have potential to be or already are useful products or processes impacting the Montana or United States economy.

The MSU Meritorious Technology/Science Award will be awarded at the Honors Banquet held in conjunction with commencement activities in May; however, this award will not necessarily be made every year. The award will include an honorarium of \$2,500 and a plaque recognizing the recipient.

The Vice President for Research and the Provost will act as the screening committee for this award. Additional individuals may be contacted, as appropriate, to assist in evaluation of the significance of the discovery being considered.

The attached document provides the guidelines for this award. Please submit nominations for this award to: Tom McCoy, Vice President for Research, Montana State University by close of business on Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

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Guidelines for Nominations for the
Montana State University
Award for Meritorious Technology/Science
2009

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