



Spring Convocation Award Narrative

Name: **WOMEN IN SCIENCE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR: *LIFE, NATURAL, ENGINEERING AND SOCIAL SCIENCE.***

Description: Honoring outstanding faculty women in the sciences who have excelled in their research accomplishments, teaching and mentorship, and contributions to the state of Montana and/or Montana State University.

In 2012, Montana State University received an ADVANCE-Institutional Transformation grant from the National Science Foundation. These grants are aimed at broadening, supporting, and recognizing the participation of women faculty in the male-dominated fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and the social and behavioral sciences (SBS). Montana State University has therefore established the *Women in Science Distinguished Professor* award to support and recognize our outstanding women faculty in these fields.

We are pleased to call for nominations for this Women in Science Distinguished Professor. This award honors outstanding faculty women in the sciences who have excelled in their research accomplishments, teaching and mentorship, and contributions to the state of Montana and/or Montana State University.

Nominations will be made by departments without the participation of the nominees and, to the extent possible, without their knowledge. The faculty member chosen for the Distinguished Professor will receive an annual award of \$4,000 for 2 years. The winner will be required to give one public lecture on the value and contribution of diversity to their scholarship and experiences and will serve as a voice and role model for others on campus via participation in one or two panel discussions and workshops each year for two years.

Eligibility: Departments may nominate tenured women-faculty in Life, Natural, Engineering, and Social Sciences. Department Heads may not be nominated.

Sponsor: Office of Academic Affairs

Amount: \$4,000 for two years

Selection Criteria:

Selection will be based on candidates' achievements and activities regarding

research, teaching/mentorship, and service. The letter of nomination should demonstrate sustained national and international recognition of scholarly research; a record of excellence in teaching and mentoring; and outstanding contributions to the State of Montana, or to MSU. Candidates' contributions to advancing other women's science careers and creating, maintaining, and/ or championing gender diversity at Montana State University will also be considered as they relate to the three selection criteria outlined above.

Nomination Materials Required: Any department in Life, Natural, Engineering, and Social Sciences may nominate one candidate. The nomination shall be prepared and submitted by a representative from the department. The nomination packet should address the criteria listed above and include the following:

- 1) Letter of nomination that should not exceed five pages;
- 2) Two external letters of support; and
- 3) Current curriculum vitae.

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