

JIM COUCH AWARD – ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
2026 OUTSTANDING RESEARCH BY FACULTY
NOMINATION FORM
(To Be Completed by the Nominator)

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION

SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION

Date:

NAME OF NOMINEE:

NAME OF NOMINEE'S DEPARTMENT:

NOMINATOR: Please provide no more than a one-page description on why you are nominating this faculty member for this award.

Please forward with this nomination form to the nominee for completion.

(To Be Completed by the Nominee)

OFFICE TELEPHONE:

UNA BOX NUMBER:

NOMINEE: Please enclose with the Nomination Form:

1. A current vita (limited to five pages)
2. A summary of the scholarly contribution(s) by the nominee (limited to two pages)
3. A description of the significance of the nominee's selected research results submitted for the award (limited to five pages).
4. Relevant sample documents and/or supporting materials.

Note: Evaluation of criteria will privilege accomplishments achieved since applicant's appointment at UNA.

[THIS IS NOT A PROMOTION PORTFOLIO]

Please refer to accompanying selection criteria for further guidance and for instructions for submission. Address any questions you may have to the Chair of the Selection Committee.

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE

DATE:

DEPARTMENT CHAIR'S SIGNATURE (LETTER OF SUPPORT ATTACHED)

DATE:

DEAN'S SIGNATURE (LETTER OF SUPPORT ATTACHED)

DATE:

JIM COUCH AWARD

PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA - OUTSTANDING RESEARCH BY FACULTY

1. **October 2025:** Award Committees selected by Deans
*The Deans must approve any changes to the award criteria prior to the solicitation of nominees for the award.
November 2025: Nominations Open
February 6, 2026: The Nomination Form, with accompanying documentation, must be submitted to the Chair of the nominee's department
February 13, 2026: The Nomination Form, with accompanying documentation, must be submitted to the Dean of the nominee's college
February 20, 2026: The Nomination Form, with accompanying documentation, must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs via email with PDF attachment. (sseals@una.edu)
April 27, 2026: Awards Gala
2. Self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations may also be received by students, faculty members, administrators and/or alumni. All UNA full-time faculty are eligible for the award.
3. The award recipient will be selected for academic excellence in publications, performances, or productions; or in professional practice. Evidence of the significance of publication(s), performance(s), production(s), or practice to outside peers is required. The primary emphasis of the nomination should be research done during the last five years.
Examples include:
 - Published Refereed Journals
 - Peer Critic Reviews
 - Evidence of Citations
4. The recipient will receive:
 - A. There will be an acrylic award given to each recipient
 - B. The recipient of the award will receive a \$750 faculty development grant
 - C. The recipient will be featured in *Profiles in Excellence*
5. The award will be presented by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University Awards Gala (April 27, 2026).
6. A nominee may not receive the award more than once for the same piece(s) of scholarship/research. No faculty member may receive the Outstanding Scholarship/Research award more than once during a 10-year period.
7. No member of the Selection Committee will be eligible for an award while serving on the committee.

Former Recipients Outstanding Research:

Doug Barrett (COBT) – 2007	Xihui “Paul” Zhang (COBT) – 2017
Valeriy Domatov (CASE) – 2008	Melissa Driskell (HONORS) – 2018
Alex Takeuchi (CASE) – 2009	Corey Cagle (COBT) – 2019
Chris Maynard (CASE) – 2010	Ryan M. Zayac (CASE) – 2020
Matt Green (COEHS) – 2011	Cheryl Price (CASE) – 2021
Dan Burton (CASE) – 2012	Lauren Killen (COEHS) - 2022
Sarah Franklin (CASE) – 2013	Hunter Waldman (COEHS) - 2023
Keith Jones (COBT) – 2014	John Parnell (CASE) – 2024
Eric O’Neal (COEHS) – 2015	Ashton Glover (ACONHP) - 2025
Glenn Marvin (CASE) – 2016	