JIM COUCH AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH BY FACULTY
NOMINATION FORM

(To Be Completed by the Nominator)

Name of person submitting nomination

Date:

Signature of person submitting nomination

Name of Nominee:

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: ____________

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.

[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: _______________________

Name of Nominee’s Department

Date: _______________________

Department Chair’s Signature (letter of support attached)

Date: _______________________

Dean’s Signature

Date received by the Office of Academic Affairs: ________________________________
JIM COUCH OUTSTANDING
SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH AWARD PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

1. The Nomination Form (which includes items 1-4), must be submitted to the chair of the nominee’s department by the second Monday in February, (February 8th). Self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations may also be received by students, faculty members, administrators and/or alumni. All UNA fulltime faculty are eligible for the award.

2. The Outstanding Scholar Award Selection Committee will be made up of the three previous recipients, a faculty member from the College of Business, the Anderson College of Nursing, the College of Education and Human Sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences, a faculty member from Educational Technology/Library Services (to be rotated annually between the two divisions), and one student representative. The student representatives will rotate among the colleges in the following order: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Sciences, and Nursing. The Executive Assistant (Melissa Clark) in the Office of Academic Affairs will convene the committee in the fall semester to select a chair and to solicit nominees. The deans will select faculty and students to serve on the committee and must approve any changes to the award criteria prior to the solicitation of nominees for the award.

3. The Award will be made 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. Examples include:
   - Published Refereed Journals
   - Peer Critic Reviews
   - Evidence of Citations

4. 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.

5. The primary emphasis of the nomination should be research done during the last five years.

6. The department chair must forward the Nomination Form to the dean of the respective college by the fourth Monday in February, (February 22nd), who in turn must submit a letter of recommendation along with the Nomination Form to the Office of Academic Affairs by last Friday in February, (February 26th).

7. The type of award.
   A. There will be an acrylic award given to each recipient
   B. The name of the recipient will be displayed on a permanent plaque
   C. The recipient of the award will receive a $750 faculty development grant
   D. The recipient will be featured in the Profiles in Excellence Publication

8. The award will be presented by the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University Awards Gala.

9. No member of the Selection Committee will be eligible for an award while serving on the committee.
10. At the conclusion of the review process, the committee chair will communicate with the unsuccessful candidates, expressing appreciation for submission of an application, providing feedback on strengths/weaknesses of the application, and indicating that the application will be considered again the following year, upon candidate approval and upon allowing an opportunity for the candidate to update the application.

Former Recipients are:
Doug Barrett (COB) – 2007
Valeriy Domatov (COAS) – 2008
Alex Takeuchi (COAS) – 2009
Chris Maynard (COAS) – 2010
Matt Green (COEHS) – 2011
Dan Burton (COAS) – 2012
Sarah Franklin (COAS) – 2013
Keith Jones (COB) – 2014
Eric O’Neal (COEHS) – 2015
Glenn Marvin (COAS) – 2016
Xihui “Paul” Zhang (COB) – 2017
Melissa Driskell (HONORS) – 2018
Corey Cagle (COB) – 2019
Ryan M. Zayac (COAS) - 2020