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

(To Be Completed by the Nominator)

Name of person submitting nomination

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

Department Chair’s Signature (letter of support attached)

Date: ____________________

Dean’s Signature

Date: ____________________

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 first Monday in February, **(February 7th)**. 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 following: three previous faculty recipients; a faculty member from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering; a faculty member from the College of Business and Technology; a faculty member from the College of Education and Human Sciences; a faculty member from the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions; a faculty or professional staff member from Educational Technology/Library Sciences (to be rotated annually between the two divisions); and one student representative (also rotated). The student representatives from each college will rotate in the following order: Arts, Sciences, and Engineering; Business and Technology; Education and Human Sciences; and Nursing and Health Professions. 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. The committee members are responsible for convening in the Fall 2021 semester to select a committee chair and schedule subsequent meetings. Once identified, the name of the committee chair should be provided to the Office of Academic Affairs. The Assistant to the VPAA is responsible for soliciting nominations through various channels.

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 third Monday in February, **(February 21st)**, 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 28th)**.

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 *Profiles in Excellence*
8. The award will be presented by the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University Awards Gala (April 2022).

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:**
Doug Barrett (COBT) – 2007
Valeriy Domatov (CASE) – 2008
Alex Takeuchi (CASE) – 2009
Chris Maynard (CASE) – 2010
Matt Green (COEHS) – 2011
Dan Burton (CASE) – 2012
Sarah Franklin (CASE) – 2013
Keith Jones (COBT) – 2014
Eric O’Neal (COEHS) – 2015
Glenn Marvin (CASE) – 2016
Xihui “Paul” Zhang (COBT) – 2017
Melissa Driskell (HONORS) – 2018
Corey Cagle (COBT) – 2019
Ryan M. Zayac (CASE) – 2020
Cheryl Price (CASE) – 2021