



April 23, 2014

TO: CALS Department Chairs

CC: CALS Department Administrators and Dean's Executive Staff

FROM: CALS Office of the Dean and Director

SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for the Alfred Toepfer Faculty Fellow Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the Alfred Toepfer Faculty Fellow Award. This award recognizes promising assistant professors in the early stages of their careers.

This award is open to CALS assistant professors in the second through fifth year of their first tenure-track appointment. Recipients must be in their second through fifth year of their pre-tenure appointment during the time they hold the award. Those with tenure clock extensions may be nominated provided that nominees are in their equivalent second through fifth year. Zero-dollar faculty may be nominated.

The fellowship is awarded to pre-tenure faculty whose research benefits agricultural activities within the United States and whose areas of interest lie in the scientific fields of crop research, improvements in crop yield and quality, or animal sciences. If those criteria are not met, faculty members whose agricultural research is considered biological or physical in nature may also be considered.

Selection criteria for the fellow include:

1. High quality doctorate and/or post-doctorate research that has been published in appropriate and respected peer-reviewed journals;
2. Progress toward developing an active, productive, externally funded research program that has potential to produce significant new knowledge and insights in the field of the nominee;
3. Evidence that the nominee's research has important applications or potential applications that will benefit agriculture, natural resources or human well-being; and
4. Evidence that the nominee is on a trajectory to becoming a leading authority in their discipline.

The Alfred Toepfer Faculty Fellow Award provides the recipient with a one-year stipend to support the fellow's research program. The stipend cannot be used for salary. Current or past recipients may be re-nominated for the award, but can hold the award for a maximum of two years.

The nomination packet should contain **only** the following items:

- 1) A brief cover letter of nomination from the nominee's department chair
- 2) A summary of the nominee's research that details how research program goals meet the criteria outlined above (limit to two pages single-spaced)
- 3) The nominee's current CV

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A committee chosen from among the faculty members of the CALS Research Advisory Council will be asked to recommend a recipient.

Nominations must be submitted electronically to Julie Scharm (jscharm@cals.wisc.edu) in the CALS Dean's Office by Friday, May 16, 2014. Late and incomplete nominations will not be accepted.