

December 7, 2020

TO: CALS Faculty and Staff and SoHE Department Chairs

FROM: Kate VandenBosch, Chair
Academic Planning Council

RE: Nominations for the 2021 Robert G. F. and Hazel T. Spitze Land Grant
Faculty Award for Excellence

Nominations are being accepted for the Robert G. F. and Hazel T. Spitze Land Grant Faculty Award for Excellence to recognize and encourage faculty who exemplify the Land Grant philosophy through combined excellence in research, teaching, and outreach. The purpose of this award is to reward comprehensive scholarly performance over a sustained period of time. Such performance shall include all areas of academic responsibility unique to the Land Grant mission including teaching and advising, research and publication, outreach/extension and public service, and participation in professional organizations and faculty governance.

Recipients of this award shall be tenured faculty members with at least 10 years (inclusive of approved leaves) of continuous paid appointment (over 50%) in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences or the School of Human Ecology. There will be a single award per year, and a faculty member may receive this award only once. Previous winners of the award can be found [here](#).

Nomination materials shall consist of a current curriculum vitae, a letter of nomination documenting the nominee's efforts in support of and commitment to the Land Grant philosophy, (limit two pages), and three letters of recommendation, one from each area: teaching, research, and outreach/extension. The nominee should prepare a one-page statement regarding his/her land grant philosophy. The recipient will be selected by members of the CALS Academic Planning Council. The recipient has the option of receiving the award as a cash payment or applying it to their research, instructional, or outreach programs. We anticipate holding a virtual event to present CALS Awards on Wednesday May 5, 2021 at 3 p.m. Details will be forthcoming. Nominations from previous years do not carry over automatically, but nominees who did not receive the award are encouraged to re-apply.

Please submit the nomination materials electronically as one PDF document to Sarah Barber (sarah.barber@wisc.edu) by **Friday, February 12, 2021** to be considered.

xc: Dean Soyeon Shim