



HOW TO BE AWARD READY

Keep track of opportunities and eligibility and cultivate a strong professional network

- Many awards require membership in the sponsor organization (e.g. AAAS, IEEE, AGU, etc.) to be eligible. Joining the appropriate professional organizations in your field and playing an active role can position you for these awards.
- For awards you may be interested in, familiarize yourself with the nomination process, eligibility requirements, and due dates.
- Grow your professional network and maintain those relationships. Most awards require letters from highly prestigious nominators outside the institution.
- Familiarize yourself with the career and awards path of the leading scholars in your profession.
- Develop short-and long-term plans for building a competitive profile that incorporates eligibility for awards.
- Meet with your leadership or the Faculty Support and Recognition Specialist to strategically map out a potential awards path.
- Make awards a topic of discussion in your meetings with leadership.
- Help create a culture of recognition by nominating your colleagues, peers, and mentors.
- Join or create an honorifics committee to get an inside look at the nomination process.

