

President's Award for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Eastern Connecticut State University

The President's Award for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity was funded in the Fall of 2016 by President Elsa Núñez to recognize outstanding contributions in scholarly activities including inquiry and discovery. The award will be presented to two students who have demonstrated excellence in their scholarly work in any field of study. At Eastern, these activities are defined as:

Original intellectual or creative contributions to the student's discipline carried out in conjunction with a faculty mentor, culminating in formal review of that work through presentations, exhibitions, and/or publications.

The work students and their mentors wish to present must meet all aspects of this definition. Thus, it must be work undertaken at Eastern with a faculty mentor on a project appropriate in one's discipline.

Eligibility

Applicants must be sophomores and above, may be in any discipline, and must be currently enrolled at Eastern. The work submitted must be a project completed outside of typical coursework. Internships are not considered appropriate unless they can be shown to meet the criteria above. Students are only eligible to receive one significant university-level award for any particular project. For example, Honors students who receive the Elliott Exceptional Thesis Award will be ineligible for the President's Award unless a second project is submitted.

Criteria for Nomination

1. Be a full-time, undergraduate student at Eastern with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. Be of sophomore standing or above.
3. Be enrolled during the academic year in which the award is given.
4. Have completed a significant piece of original work: a publication, presentation, or exhibition, with external venues preferred.

Award Presentation

The award will be presented at the CREATE Conference in April. Awardees must be present to the receive their award. Recipients of this award will receive a plaque and \$1,000.

Nomination Process

The nomination must be submitted by the mentor of the project. Please follow the guidelines below to ensure submission of a complete application.

1. Fill out the attached application form completely and accurately.
2. Submit a copy of the work to be considered for the award.
3. Provide documentation supporting outcome of the work (conference abstract, letter of manuscript acceptance, etc.)
4. Email all materials as a single PDF document titled with the students last name and major (e.g. smith_art.pdf) to create@easternct.edu.

Student Applicant: In the space below, please answer the following questions: 1) Describe your involvement in undergraduate research; 2) What are your professional aspirations? and 3) How has the work submitted contributed to your long-term goals?

Mentors: In the space below, please provide: 1) An evaluation of the project submitted (e.g. quality and rigor of work, contribution to discipline); 2) Significance of the student accomplishment; and 3) Benefits of the presentation to the student's academic work and future goals.

