

DATE: October 1, 2007

TO: SJSU Faculty

FROM: Mary Sidney, Chief Operating Officer,  
SJSU Research Foundation

SUBJECT: 2007-08 Early Career Investigator Award

It is my pleasure to announce the request for nominations for the 2007-08 SJSU Research Foundation Early Career Investigator Award. The Early Career Investigator Award is intended to recognize tenure-track faculty at San Jose State University who have excelled in the areas of research, scholarship or creative activity, evidenced by their success in securing external funds to support those activities at an early or beginning point in their career. Award recipients will receive a commemorative plaque and a cash award of \$1,000 to be used at the recipient's discretion.

Guidelines for the award program are attached. Please review this information to determine your interest in and eligibility for participation. The deadline for nominations is November 30, 2007. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jerri Carmo at extension 4-1429.



## **San Jose State University Research Foundation 2007-2008 Early Career Investigator Award**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of the San Jose State University Research Foundation Early Career Investigator Award program is to recognize tenure-track faculty at San Jose State University who have excelled in the areas of research, scholarship or creative activity, evidenced by their success in securing external funds for their research, peer reviewed publications, and other scholarly and creative activities, at an early or beginning point in their career.

Two award categories have been created to ensure the broadest participation possible from academic units that historically have not had large numbers of faculty members who participate in grant activity. Category 1 awards a faculty member in the Colleges of Science and Engineering, and Category 2 awards a faculty member in all other colleges.

### **II. Eligibility**

To be eligible for any of the Early Career Investigator Award, an individual must:

- Be a full-time Unit 3 faculty member
- Be tenure-track but non-tenured at the time of the nomination (probationary, including assistant and associate faculty)
- Not have completed more than six full years in his or her tenure-track or other comparable independent research appointment
- Not have received this award previously

### **III. Nomination Process**

Nominations may come from the faculty member's academic unit (deans and/or chairs), however self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations should be in the form of a letter (maximum one page, 12 point Times New Roman font) stating the reasons for nominating the faculty member and describing the accomplishments of the nominee as appropriate to the award criteria. Please include a curriculum vita. Nominations are due by November 30, 2007 for awards to be announced in April 2008. Please direct nominations to SJSU Research Foundation; Attention: Jerri Carmo, Deputy Chief Operating Officer.

### **IV. Selection Criteria and Process**

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In evaluating candidates for this award, consideration will be given to the nominee's history of research, scholarship and creative activities, recognition of outstanding achievements by peers, and importance of the work to the discipline and beyond.

- a. Extraordinary externally peer reviewed funded contract and grant activity, and demonstrated ways in which such awards contribute to the improvement of the infrastructure, research capability, and recognition of San Jose State University.
- b. Publications in top-ranked peer-reviewed research journals, exhibits in nationally-renowned galleries, and/or authorship of highly respected scholarly books. Please provide specific information (name of journal, name of exhibits and galleries, book citations, dates)

A selection committee will be established consisting of the Chief Operating Officer of the SJSU Research Foundation, the Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research, the Deputy Chief Operating Officer of the SJSU Research Foundation, and two active researchers, one each from a college in Award Category 1 and one from a college in Award Category 2.

**V. Form of Award**

Each award recipient will receive a commemorative plaque and a cash award of \$1,000 to be used at the recipient's discretion. A permanent plaque listing annual award recipients will be on display in the Foundation offices.

A profile of each recipient's research accomplishments will be featured on the SJSU Research Foundation website.