

# Nevada System of Higher Education

**Crystal Abba**

**Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs**

**System Administration**  
4300 South Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89119-7530  
Phone: 702-889-8426  
Fax: 702-889-8492



**System Administration**  
2601 Enterprise Road  
Reno, NV 89512-1666  
Phone: 775-784-4901  
Fax: 775-784-1127

August 24, 2020

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Presidents  
Academic Affairs Council  
Research Affairs Council  
Student Affairs Council  
Faculty Senate Chairs  
Student Body Presidents

**FROM:** Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

**RE:** Call for Nominations – 2021 Nevada Regents' Awards

---

This is an invitation for nominations by the institutions for the following annual Board of Regents' awards:

- **Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award** – Two recipients:
  - One recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, and NSC; and
  - One recipient selected from nominations from CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC.
  
- **Nevada Regents' Researcher Award** – Two recipients:
  - Distinguished Career - One recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSC and DRI
  - Mid-Career - One recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSC and DRI
  
- **Nevada Regents' Teaching Award** – Four recipients:
  - One tenured or tenure track recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSC, and DRI; and
  - One non-tenured or non-tenure track recipient selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSC, and DRI; and
  - One tenured or tenure track recipient selected from nominations from CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC; and
  - One non-tenured or non-tenure track recipient selected from nominations from CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC

- **Nevada Regents’ Academic Advisor Award** – Three recipients:
  - Undergraduate Advisement – One selected from CSN, GBC, TMCC, and WNC
  - Undergraduate Advisement – One selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR and NSC
  - Graduate Advisement – One selected from nominations from UNLV, UNR, NSC and DRI

### **Deadlines, Eligibility Guidelines and Selection Procedures**

All nominations and the accompanying materials for these four awards must be submitted by the institutions to the System Office no later than **Friday, October 16, 2020**, to allow time for NSHE selection committees to consider the nominations and finalize their recommendations prior to the deadline for submission of materials to the Board of Regents for its meeting on March 4-5, 2021. These four awards will be presented to the Board’s Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee for approval.

Enclosed is a copy of the procedures delineating the eligibility guidelines for each award, each step of the selection and award process, and the stipend amounts (*Procedures and Guidelines Manual*, Chapter 8, Section 2). Please note that pursuant to *Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 19.2* (also enclosed), each NSHE institution should continue to grant its own annual academic advisor award with a minimum stipend of \$1,000, the maximum amount to be determined by the institution. This institutional award is granted in addition to the Regents’ Academic Advisor Awards.

**All nomination materials must be submitted via electronic email.** Toni Odom-McNeil will be the System’s primary point of contact for this call for nominations. She can be reached directly at (775) 784-3225 or via email at [todom-mcneil@nshe.nevada.edu](mailto:todom-mcneil@nshe.nevada.edu), should you have any questions or need assistance.

### **Regents’ Rising Researcher and Regents’ Scholar Awards – Institutional Selection Process**

The selection process for the Nevada Regents’ Rising Researcher Awards and the Regents’ Scholar Awards is managed at each institution, and therefore has the later deadline of **Friday, December 4, 2020**, but each institution’s material must reach the System Office in sufficient time for submission of materials to the Board of Regents for its meeting on March 4-5, 2021. **All nomination materials – as outlined below – must be submitted via electronic email.** Please send all materials directly to Toni Odom-McNeil at [todom-mcneil@nshe.nevada.edu](mailto:todom-mcneil@nshe.nevada.edu).

1. **Nevada Regents’ Rising Researcher Awards – UNLV, UNR, NSC and DRI**  
These four awards are given annually to one faculty member each from UNLV, UNR, NSC and DRI. General selection criteria for this award are outlined in the attached procedures. As a reminder, the Rising Researcher Award recipient receives a \$2,000 cash stipend paid by each institution directly to the recipient.

For each of these awards, UNLV, UNR, NSC and DRI must each provide a completed **NSHE Rising Researcher Nomination Form** and attach a one-half page biography of the

nominee and formal letter of nomination stating why its recipient was selected. The Nomination Form is attached.

**2. Nevada Regents’ Scholar Award – Universities, State College and Community Colleges**

In addition to the awards for faculty and staff, the Regents recognize outstanding student scholars at each NSHE institution. General selection criteria for this award are outlined in the attached procedures, and the awards are distributed as follows:

- Community colleges – one student per institution.
- State college – one student.
- Universities – one undergraduate and one graduate student per institution.

For each of these awards, each institution must provide a completed **NSHE Regents Scholar Nomination Form** and attach a one-half page biography of the nominee and formal letter of nomination stating why its scholar was selected. The Nomination Form is attached.

Please make certain that all of your eligible faculty, staff and students are aware of these Board of Regents’ tributes to excellence. Thank you for your assistance as we honor outstanding performance throughout the Nevada System of Higher Education.

**Attachments**

cc: Chancellor's Cabinet  
Dean Gould  
Keri Nikolajewski