



# Office of Faculty Excellence

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

## The 2017 UCF Reach for the Stars Award

Purpose: The purpose of the UCF Reach for the Stars Award is to honor and reward **highly successful teaching, research and creative activity, and service** accomplished by **early-career** university professionals.

To be eligible for a UCF Reach for the Stars Award, an applicant:

- must hold the rank of either
  - assistant professor or;
  - associate professor since fall 2013 or later
- must have achieved noteworthy research and/or creative activity of national impact.

UCF Reach for the Stars Award recipient's privileges will include

- the right to be called a UCF Reach for the Stars Award recipient
- a \$10,000 annual research grant for each of three years.

Applications for the UCF Reach for the Stars Award will include:

- a letter of nomination from the applicant or from a UCF sponsor
- the applicant's curriculum vitae
- the endorsement of the applicant's chair or director, as well as the dean or vice president; the endorsement may include a 250-word statement of support by the chair or director, as well as the dean or vice president
- no more than three, 500-word letters of support from faculty members, staff members, alumni, and/or community colleagues in addition to the endorsements of the applicant's chair or director, as well as dean or vice president that are mentioned above.

Application packets will be submitted electronically the Office of Faculty Excellence, at [facultyexcellence@ucf.edu](mailto:facultyexcellence@ucf.edu) by January 25, 2017.

UCF Reach for the Stars Awards:

- will normally be made annually
- are determined by the president, who may seek advice from others
- will normally not exceed five a year.

The announcement of the recipients for the UCF Reach for the Stars Award will be made at the UCF Founder's Day Convocation on April 5, 2017.