Distinguished Achievement in Research, Scholarship, or Creative Accomplishment: This award recognizes demonstrated achievement in research, scholarship, or creative activities. (A stipend of $3,000 accompanies this award.) The following criteria will be used:

- **Contribution:** The primary criterion is outstanding, demonstrated, significant contributions over an extended period of time to the arts, scholarly literature, or to research and scholarship.

- **Achievement:** There must be evidence that the nominee has performed creative/scholarly/research work of superb achievement as demonstrated by publication or artistic production and evaluation by peer review.

- **Currency:** Nominees shall be scholars who keep current with developments and findings in their fields.