



October 24, 2022

Dear Provost Kornbluh,

It is that time once again when the Academy of Scholars invites Deans, Unit Chairs and Directors, and Faculty to nominate candidates for the Wayne State University's Academy of Scholars Outstanding Junior Faculty Award. I would be grateful if you could forward this invitation to Deans, Department Chairs and Unit Directors of all Colleges; and that Chairs forward this invitation to their faculty.

The *Wayne State University Academy of Scholars* (AOS) plans to *honor up to four junior faculty members* with the “*Outstanding Junior Faculty Award*” in **2023**. This letter is an invitation to nominate Wayne State University junior faculty members who are deserving of this high honor. The awardees will be recognized at the WSU Academy of Scholars annual banquet at the Detroit Athletic Club in the fall and receive a \$1000 award to support their academic activities.

Nominees should have significant publications and/or creative achievements that have enabled them to achieve national and international recognition earlier than usual in their careers. The Junior Faculty Award nominee should have not received tenure and have completed no more than seven years of active faculty service. They should exhibit exceptional originality and productivity in their scholarship or creative work.

To nominate an individual to this honor, please send the following documents to the AOS Junior Faculty Award Selection Committee Chair: **Professor Mark Baskaran** at baskaran@wayne.edu and myself, President of AOS: **Professor Mary T. Rodgers** at mrogers@chem.wayne.edu by **December 1, 2022**.

Please include “**Junior Faculty Award Nomination**” as the subject line in your email and attach each document of the nominating materials separately:

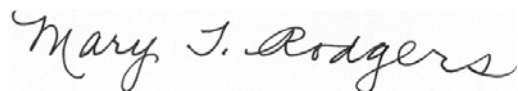
1. Letter(s) of nomination.
2. The nominee's current curriculum vitae or closest equivalent.
3. A list of at least six names, titles and affiliations, addresses, and email addresses of appropriate external referees from whom we should seek letters of appraisal for your nominee.

Once the nomination materials have been received, the AOS Junior Faculty Award Selection Committee will solicit external letters of appraisal for each nominee. Candidates will then be evaluated and, if deemed appropriate, be selected to receive this award.

The nomination process is meant to be completely confidential, **so please be careful to avoid inadvertently informing the candidate** of his/her nomination. We will also maintain confidentiality in the process of soliciting external letters of appraisal.

We look forward to receiving your nominations. On behalf of AOS, I thank you for your support and assistance in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,



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