The Office of Research is soliciting nominations for the 2011 Professional Promise in Research and Creative Achievement Awards. **Four** Professional Promise awards will be made and are designated to give special recognition to talented **junior faculty** members for their professional promise in research and creative achievement at the Chancellor’s Honors Banquet on April 11, 2011. In addition, each recipient will receive a **$3,000** monetary award. The Awards Committee of the Research Council will screen all nominations and make recommendations to me.

The purpose of these awards is to recognize tenured or tenure track faculty members at the **assistant or associate professor rank** who have received national and/or international recognition in their fields and show professional promise in their areas of research and creative achievement. These awards are also to encourage excellence in research and creative achievement, to emphasize the critical role of research and creative achievement in the professional development of our faculty, and to reinforce that faculty research and creative achievement are integral to the mission of the University of Tennessee.

Eligibility is limited to tenured or tenure track faculty members at the assistant or associate professor rank who by the end of 2010-2011 have less than ten years professional experience beyond their terminal degree. Nominees must have a minimum of three years of service on the faculty of the University of Tennessee. An individual may only receive this award once.

Each small UT academic department or budgetary unit at Knoxville may submit the name and credentials of one nominee to the Awards Committee. Larger departments (20 or more faculty members) may submit two nominations. The nominations must include the attached title page and supporting documentation describing the nominee’s accomplishments and relationship and significance to his or her field for the past five years. An individual may not be simultaneously nominated for this award and the **Research and Creative Achievement Award**.

The **original of the cover sheet with signatures and one copy of** supporting materials should be sent to:

Research Awards Committee  
1534 White Avenue 
Campus 1529  
Attention: Ms. Jane Taylor

**The deadline for receipt of materials is 12:00 Noon, Friday, January 28, 2011.**