# THE PRESIDENTIAL RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
## Nomination Form

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Internationally-recognized research, scholarship, and creative activity distinguish the University of Maine as the State’s flagship university, where faculty and staff contribute knowledge to issues of local, national, and international significance, and have a distinct role in mentoring students through research. The recipient receives a medallion and monetary award.

Nominations should be submitted via InfoReady on or before **April 2, 2021** ([https://umaine.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/#](https://umaine.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/#)). Please contact Jason Charland, Senior Advisor to the President and Director of Research Development ([jason.charland@maine.edu](mailto:jason.charland@maine.edu) or 1-2461) if you have any questions.

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Criteria of excellence
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Nomination and selection process
• Nomination materials must be submitted via InfoReady by Friday, April 2, 2021.
  (https://umaine.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/#1)
• The Faculty Research Funds Committee will review nominations and submit its recommendation to the President via the Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School.
• The Award will be announced and presented by the President in May.

Nomination materials
• A completed Nomination Form.
• A statement of research philosophy prepared by the nominee that includes an outline of the scope of their research and scholarly impact on their disciplinary field(s), state of Maine, and student research mentees.
• A letter from the nominator addressing the nominee’s accomplishments, with explicit focus on how the nominee’s research has notably advanced their field of study and has impacted students mentored within the nominee’s research program. The nominator must include evidence of outcomes, which may include, but is not limited to, the following:
  • an example of the nominee’s research that has drawn national attention to UMaine
  • impacts of the nominee’s research on the state of Maine in the context of fulfilling UMaine’s land grant research mission
  • testimony from the nominee’s current or former students about a) the nominee’s impact as a research mentor, and/or b) a significant outcome or outcomes students have experienced as a function of their experience as a participant in the nominee’s research program
• The nominee’s CV
• At least 1 letter of reference from a qualified external peer who can evaluate the major research, scholarship, and creative activity contributions of the nominee. Please provide brief credentials for the external peer reference (250 words or less).

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