Distinction in Research and Creative Works
Bioengineering Department

Supporting Faculty:

Name: 
Title: 
Phone: 
Email: 

Name of nominated student:

The Distinction in Research and Creative Works is awarded upon graduation to select students whose achievements go “above and beyond the norm” in their area of research, design, or other creative work. The supporting faculty member is expected to have worked with the student on a regular basis and have intimate knowledge of the student’s accomplishments, capabilities, and/or contributions.

☐ Student was a first (or equal contribution second) author on a research manuscript, either published or accepted by peer-reviewed journal. NOTE: Conference proceedings and review papers, even if peer reviewed, are not considered journal papers for this award.

Journal Citation: 

☐ Student won an undergraduate research award at a national, professional society conference (e.g., BMES, AIChE, ASME, Society for Biomaterials, TERMIS). NOTE: Regional conference (e.g., Southwest Biomedical Engineering Conference, Biomaterials Day) or campus-based conference (e.g., RURS, ATE) are not considered national society conferences for this award.

Name of Award: 

☐ Student conducted research or independent design for me. Please list the start and end dates and the approximate number of hours per week.

Start Date: 
Typical number of hours per week: 
End Date: 

☐ Student contributed substantially to research or design efforts in one or more labs or locations by co-authoring a publication. The publication may be published, in press, in review, or in preparation. Publications may include a peer-reviewed journal paper, review paper, or other types.

Citation: 

☐ Student has contributed substantially to research or design efforts in one or more labs or locations by co-authoring a paper (conference proceedings, abstract) or poster that is presented at a technical meeting. Papers and posters at regional and national conferences will be considered. NOTE: Submissions to Rice-only, on-campus events such as RURS are not considered eligible.

Citation: 


In terms of research or design capacity, this student was the:
☐ Best in 10 yrs
☐ Best in 5 yrs
☐ Best this year
☐ Top 10% this year
☐ Top 25% this year
☐ Top 50% this year

In a typical year, how many undergraduate students work in your lab? ________

The supporting faculty is encouraged to provide a letter of support addressing the substance and significance of the research/design/creative work and/or, if appropriate, the student’s contribution to a research/design/creative project. Please comment on the independence of the student in his/her project. A previously prepared letter (such as one for admission to graduate or medical school) is appropriate.

Please indicate by signing below that you recommend this student be considered for the award of Distinction in Research and Creative Work.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: __________________