

Distinction in Research and Creative Works

Bioengineering Department

Faculty Application:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Title: _____ 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: _____