



Excellence in Research and Creative Works Staff Award

Description

To recognize a UMKC staff member who has made significant contributions to the university's research, creativity and innovation efforts in one or more of the following areas:

- Providing support for the research grant and patent application processes.
- Helping to promote safe practices and ensure safe management and use of potentially hazardous materials and equipment.
- Demonstrating consistent dedication to research success by providing extraordinary support in areas such as budgeting, information technology, advancement, facilities management, review and assessment, compliance, technology transfer and other vital forms of support.
- Helping to increase public and private awareness, interest and support for research activity.

Eligibility

Nominee must be a benefit eligible staff employee at UMKC for at least one year by the nomination deadline and be in good standing. Employees who have previously received the award are not eligible for nomination. All nominees will be reviewed by Human Resources to ensure they are in good standing with UM Policy.

Nature of Award

One \$1,500 stipend award + commemorative plaque

- Terms of Award: One time, lump-sum, non-renewable award payable to recipient as a taxable stipend. Previous award recipients are ineligible for repeat awards.

Nomination Process

Candidates are nominated by Faculty, Staff and/or Students from UMKC. To nominate a candidate, complete and submit the [Nomination Form](#) by **January 9, 2026**.

- For a candidate to be considered, a minimum of two individuals must complete and submit separate nomination forms.

Selection Process

The Staff Awards Selection Committee, comprised of a current UMKC Student, Staff Council Representative, Faculty Senate Representative, Administrative Council Representative, UMKC Retiree, and a Board of Trustees Representative, will meet to review all nominations and select the most qualified recipient based upon the qualifying criteria identified above.

Recognition

Award Recipient will be recognized at the Annual University Staff Awards Ceremony on March 31, 2026.

Questions? Please contact umkchr@umkc.edu.