Purpose: To recognize a new member of Liberal Arts faculty who is providing significant contributions in research and teaching to furthering the mission of CoLA and that of the university. The College will recognize a tenure-track faculty member who early in her/his career shows excellence in scholarship, teaching, and other professional activities. The winner of this award, if still eligible, will be COLA’s nominee for the University-Level Early Career Faculty Excellence Award.

Criteria for Selection: Because this individual will be nominated for the university-level award, the criteria will closely follow that of the university-level award. Namely, the CoLA Early Career Faculty Excellence Award will be given to a tenure-track faculty member who:

1. is within her/his first five years of employment at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale;
2. is an active member of the CoLA faculty;
3. excels at research, teaching, and other professional duties; and
4. has not won this award before

The award will not be granted to more than one individual per year.

Nomination: Nominations for the award may be proposed by an individual’s colleagues, supervisors or students. The person or persons proposing the nomination is hereafter known as the sponsor of the nominee. The nomination should be supported by evidence of the quality and nature of the achievements. The sponsor is responsible for the assemblage and submission of the package of materials described below. Such supporting material should be in electronic format (Word or PDF) and include:

1. a nominating letter from the sponsor. The sponsor letter will be no more than four typewritten pages in length.
2. a current resume or vitae of the individual being nominated including a complete professional employment history. There is no limit to the length of this document but it should not include exhibits or supporting information. The burden of making the case for excellence lies with the letters and the professional history of the nominee; and
3. up to six supporting letters of no more than two typewritten pages each. Letters can be from individuals within or external to SIU Carbondale.

Complete nominations are due to Michael Molino, Associate Dean for Budget, Personnel, and Research, (mmolino@siu.edu) by Friday, February 20, 2015. Please submit all materials in electronic format.

Selection Process: Nomination materials will be reviewed by a committee of Full Professors from the College of Liberal Arts. The committee will rank the nominees and make a recommendation to the Dean.

Nature of Award – The award winner will receive:
1. a certificate acknowledging the achievement;
2. $1,000 that can be used in travel, research, or creative activities; and
3. a public announcement of the accomplishment.