Nature of Award: The College of Liberal Arts (CoLA) Scholar Excellence Award is part of the SIU Excellence Awards Program. The CoLA Scholar Excellence Award showcases and recognizes excellence in research, scholarship, and creative activity.

Eligibility and Criteria for Selection: An employee must have been in employment for a period of five (5) consecutive years to be considered for any Excellence award. No employee will be awarded the same award more than once in ten years, or more than one award in a given year. For the CoLA Scholar Excellence Award, a candidate must be a full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty member in a CoLA academic department. Nominees must demonstrate excellence through an impressive program of research or creative activity that has been disseminated through peer reviewed outlets (books, journals, conferences, shows, galleries, or other appropriate venues), that has had a demonstrated impact on the discipline, and that has gained the scholar national or international recognition. The winner of the Award will present the clearest and strongest evidence of such excellence. The Award will not be granted to more than one individual in an academic year, and it need not be granted if no record is sufficiently impressive. Nominees not selected for the Award may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

Nomination Deadline: 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.

Nomination Packet Must Include:

- Letter of nomination that includes a detailed statement of the nature and importance of the nominee's scholarly accomplishments;

- Nominee’s current curriculum vitae in standard SIUC format;

- Up to six supporting letters from individuals familiar with the scholarship of the nominee. Letters can be solicited from individuals within and external to SIUC, but particular weight will be given to external review of scholarship;

Selection Process
The Selection Committee is comprised of the five most recent winners of the Award (the most recent of whom will serve as chair). The Committee will examine the candidates' records and supporting documents in the context of the criteria outlined above, and independently rank nominees. The Committee will then review rankings, select a winner and communicate the result to the Dean.

Note: The 2015 CoLA Scholar Excellence winner will be nominated for the 2016 University Level Scholar Excellence Award.