**REDE Trend Setter Awards 2023**

Over the past two years the office of Research, Economic Development and Engagement asked units to make decisions on who would be recognized as “outstanding scholars” at the annual Research and Scholarship Award Ceremony. While there has been some support for that approach, feedback from several colleges suggests there is an interest in a refined approach. To that end, REDE developed a new award, the Trend Setter Award, to identify noteworthy scholars in three categories, with the goal of recognizing emerging, mid-career, and exemplary faculty. All faculty, regardless of tenure status, department, school and/or college and field of study are welcome to submit their nomination, consisting of a current CV and Chair letter.

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| **Award category** | Early Achievement in Research, Scholarship, or Creative Activity | Mid-Career Achievement in Research, Scholarship, or Creative Activity | Exemplary Achievement in Research, Scholarship, or Creative Activity |
| **Target group** | Tenure track or fixed term faculty with 6 or fewer years of service and at least two years of appointment at ECU | Tenured faculty or fixed term faculty with five or more years of service and at least three years of appointment at ECU | Tenured faculty or fixed term faculty with 10 or more years of service and at least five years of appointment at ECU |
| **Criteria for Selection** | * Publication or juried exhibition in a noteworthy scholarly outlet * Interdisciplinary work * At least one extramurally funded project * Patent * National and/ or international recognition in the academic community * Partnership with industry or community * Local news/media stories that highlight scholarship/creative activity * Potential for future advancement and recognition in research, scholarship, and creative activities | * Quality of scholarly/creative products/patents * Number of extramurally funded projects * Significant national and/ or international recognition in the academic community * Partnership with industry or community with grant funding * State-level news/media stories that highlight scholarship/creative activity * Potential for future advancement and recognition in research, scholarship, and creative activities | * Outstanding national and/ or international recognition in the academic community * Multiple scholarly products/patents emerging from partnerships * Leadership in disciplinary association trade groups * National or International News/media stories that highlight scholarship/creative activity |