The purpose of this award is to recognize a Purdue College of Pharmacy faculty member in the first ten years of their career who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship. Any faculty member with at least a half-time appointment in the College within ten years of first holding the rank of Assistant Professor (tenure-track, clinical, or research-track) is eligible. Those who have previously received this award are no longer eligible. The award was established through the generosity of Jeannie (BS 1961) and James B. Chaney.

Research, teaching, and service are expected of all faculty. Thus, the nomination document should address contributions in all three areas, but should especially highlight contributions to research/discovery, emphasizing measures of impact and potential of the nominee’s current research program for future growth and increased significance. Innovation and impact are the primary desired characteristics of the discovery and research program developed by a faculty member nominated for this award. Indicators or measures of the quality and impact of the research include:

- Impact of the scholarship on society, industry, and the disciplines of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences
- National and international awards, including being elected as fellow
- National recognition (e.g., invited talks, editorships, etc.)
- Interdisciplinary activities
- Scholarly productivity (e.g., publications, citation records, patents, published design work) and their quality and innovation
- Research input (e.g., level of success in generating resources, partnerships, collaborations)

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