

ROBERT E. JIRSA SERVICE AWARD

PURPOSE:

Named in honor of **Robert E. Jirsa** (1943-2009), former Faculty Senate President and Promotion & Tenure Committee Chair, the Robert E. Jirsa Service Award will be given annually to a full-time faculty member who has made extraordinary contributions and demonstrated outstanding leadership in service to the university.

ELIGIBILITY:

All full-time faculty members are eligible for the award, with the exception of former recipients (list provided below).

THE AWARD:

Awardees will receive a commemorative plaque and a cash award of \$2,500.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

Members of the faculty may be nominated electronically by colleagues or may self-nominate. A letter highlighting the nominee's depth and breadth of service, level of participation, consistency of service over the years, and what has changed for students and/or faculty members as a result of the nominee's involvement in service, must be **emailed** to the Chair of the Jirsa Award Committee, Dr. Maria Diamantis (diamantism1@southernct.edu) by 3:00 pm **Friday, December 3, 2021**. The Chair will invite all nominees by **Wednesday, December 8, 2021**, to submit a complete application.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

An application portfolio must be emailed as a PDF attachment, to the chair of the committee, Dr. Maria Diamantis, by **3:00 PM on Friday, February 11, 2022**. To be considered, applications must contain the following information in the order listed:

- ✓ Cover sheet with applicant's name, rank, department, and contact information
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ A brief narrative (600 words maximum) highlighting the applicant's service and leadership accomplishments
- ✓ Supporting evidence of university service, e.g.:
 - List of committees served on, chaired, or created, and/or clubs advised
 - Other service or volunteer work done on campus
- ✓ Evidence of how service has benefited the university and its members
- ✓ Letters of support, solicited or unsolicited

AWARD CRITERIA:

Applications are evaluated by the Jirsa Award Committee according to the scope, duration, and effectiveness of candidates’ service contributions. The Committee will be particularly impressed by demonstrated leadership in service and/or by service contributions that have improved the educational experience of students or the working lives of the faculty.

DEADLINES:

Nominations will be accepted via email (diamantism1@southernct.edu), until **3:00 PM on Friday, December 3, 2020.**

Invitation to all nominees to submit application portfolios by **December 8, 2021.**

Complete application portfolios with supporting documentation, should be **emailed as a PDF attachment, are due by 3:00 PM, Friday February 11, 2022.**

The award will be presented at the Faculty Awards Ceremony (TBA).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Dr. Maria Diamantis, Chair, Robert Jirsa Service Award Committee
diamantism1@southernct.edu | 203-392-6143

SCSU Faculty Senate
Robert E. Jirsa Faculty Service Award
2021-2022

| 2021-2022 Robert Jirsa Award Calendar | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Activity | Deadline | Weeks to Accomplish |
| Call for Nominations | November 1, 2021 | --- |
| Nominations Due | Friday, December 3, 2021, 3 pm | 4 weeks |
| Chair of the Committee to Invite Applications from all nominees | Wednesday, December 8, 2021 | 4 days |
| Applications Due | Friday, February 11, 2022 | 4-6 weeks |
| Committee Decision | Friday, March 18, 2022 | 4-6 weeks |
| Decision to Provost | Monday, March 21, 2022 | --- |
| Award Presented | Faculty Awards Ceremony-TBA | --- |

List of the Robert Jirsa Service Award

- 2021** Stephen Monroe Tomczak, “Zak”, Social Work
- 2020** Susan Cusato, Environment, Geography & Marine Sciences
- 2019** Michelle Vancour, Public Health
- 2018** Wafeek Abdelsayed, Accounting
- 2017** Troy Paddock, History
- 2016** David Pettigrew, Philosophy
- 2015** Deborah Weiss, Communication Disorders
- 2014** Elizabeth Keenan, Social Work
- 2013** William Faraclas, Public Health and Michael Shea, English
- 2012** Maria Diamantis, Mathematics

**Southern Connecticut State University
Robert E. Jirsa Service Award**

Cover Sheet

Contents of Application File:

Applicant's Name: _____

Rank: _____

Department: _____

Campus Phone: _____

University Email: _____

Contents of Application File:

_____ Curriculum Vitae

_____ Brief narrative (600 words maximum) highlighting accomplishments

_____ List of committees served on, chaired, or created, and/or clubs advised

_____ Other service or volunteer work done on campus

_____ Evidence of how service has benefited the university and its members

_____ Letters of support, solicited or unsolicited

**A complete application portfolio must be EMAILED to Dr. Maria Diamantis at : DiamantisM1@southernct.edu,
Chair of the Robert Jirsa, Service Award Committee
by the submission deadline of **3:00 PM on Friday, February 11, 2022.****