

Warner College of Natural Resources Recognizing and Celebrating Excellence in the College 2025 College-level Awards

We are soliciting nominations and application materials for awards designed to recognize and celebrate excellence in the Warner College of Natural Resources. All nomination materials are due by **5:00 PM on Friday March 21, 2025**. Awardees will receive a small cash award and a memento of recognition and will be recognized in the Michael Smith Natural Resources Building and virtually.

All required materials should be compiled by the nominator and submitted as a single .pdf for each nomination. Please send nominations via email to: wcnr_awards@mail.colostate.edu.

If you would like to resubmit a nomination from last year, please just indicate that in an email to the wcnr_awards@mail.colostate.edu address and submit a single PDF to briefly update/supplement last year's nomination packet (limit updates to 1 page please). Award eligibility criteria still apply, so please review timeframes in awards such as the Early Career Faculty Award.

To review previous award winners as well as see winners of departmental and College Council Awards, please visit the College's awards webpage.

Awards available to anyone in the Warner College of Natural Resources

Eligibility for these awards extends to any individual in Warner College who is employed by the College in any capacity with at least a 0.5 FTE position, or any student who is who is actively and fully pursuing their degree.

Warner College Outstanding Service Award

This award is presented to a member of Warner College who has demonstrated outstanding service by advancing the college or university mission through service assignments within the university; exceptional extension of new knowledge beyond the university walls; leadership in professional societies, advisory boards, or other organizations; statewide, regional, or national service roles; or engagement to advance broad societal goals. Decision made by the Executive Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College
- At least one supporting letter. Supporting letter may be from a member of Warner College or outside the college.

John P. Hayes Leadership Award

This award is presented to a member of Warner College who has demonstrated outstanding and unselfish leadership that exemplifies the hallmarks of Dean John Hayes' (Dean, 2014 – 2022) servant leadership approach. Leadership takes many forms and occurs at all levels. This award is available to students, faculty, or staff, in the College who represent these ideals in any leadership context. Decision made by Warner College Executive Committee.

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College
- At least one supporting letter. Supporting letter may be from a member of Warner College or outside the college.

Warner College Team Award

This award is presented to a team of three or more individuals, the majority of whom are members of Warner College, who have played a highly impactful role in advancing one or more key aspects of the mission of Warner College. Assessment of nominations will include the level of impact made as well as the way that the team functioned to work together to create positive outcomes where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Decision made by the Executive Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College

- At least one supporting letter. Supporting letter may be from a member of Warner College or outside the college.

Warner College Experiential Education Award –

This award is presented to an individual in Warner College who has innovated around experiential education and significantly impacted their students through their engagement. Experiential education should be considered broadly to include laboratory or field courses, service learning components, internships or fellowships, undergraduate research opportunities, or study abroad opportunities.

Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College
- At least one supporting letter. Supporting letter may be from a member of Warner College or outside the College

Outstanding Publication Award –

An Outstanding Publication Award will be presented for one outstanding publication in each unit in Warner College. Any article, book, or other document with at least one author affiliated with a department in Warner College and publication date in 2022 or 2023 is eligible for consideration.

Departments and units will follow an individual internal process to make a selection for their unit's outstanding publication and communicate that to the awards email with the full citation and an electronic copy of the publication to be honored.

Awards available to faculty members in the Warner College of Natural Resources

With the exception of the Dean's Award for Excellence to an Early Career Faculty Member, eligibility for faculty awards extends to any individual in Warner College who is a tenure-track faculty member, a contract, continuing or adjunct faculty member, or an administrative professional who has significant research, teaching, or outreach responsibilities that reflect those typically expected of tenure-track faculty members.

Harry E. Troxell Distinguished Service-To-Students Faculty Award

This award is presented to a faculty member in the Warner College of Natural Resources who has given outstanding service to students. The award seeks to recognize faculty members who stimulate the curiosity of students by motivating and challenging them. Decision made by the Academic Affairs Awards Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College
- At least one supporting letter from a member of Warner College.
- At least one of the letters (nomination or support) must be from a current or recent student of Warner College.

Warner College Inclusive Excellence Award for Faculty

This award is presented to a faculty member in the Warner College who has significantly contributed to advancing the College's goals to foster inclusive excellence. Decision made by the Executive Committee.

Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College
- At least one supporting letter. Supporting letter may be from a member of Warner College or outside the college.

Outstanding Mentorship Award

This award is presented to a faculty member in Warner College who has demonstrated exceptional mentorship and advising of undergraduate or graduate students, post-doctoral associates, staff members, or other faculty members. Decision made by the Executive Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College
- At least one supporting letter from a member of Warner College.

- At least one of the letters (nomination or support) must be from a current or recent mentee of the nominee.

Outstanding Research Impact Award

This award is presented to a faculty member in Warner College who has demonstrated outstanding research impact, as recognized through two lenses:

- excellence in outputs and productivity, such as demonstrated through scholarly publications, inventions, patents, licenses, or extramural grant support and contracts, and
- excellence in outcomes and impacts, as reflected through research findings that significantly advance scientific understanding in a way that fundamentally shapes a scientific field, significantly advance practice and application of some aspect of natural resource science, or other significant impact.

Decision made by the Research Awards Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College
- At least one supporting letter. Supporting letter may be from a member of Warner College or outside the college.

Dean's Award for Excellence to an Early Career Faculty Member

This award is presented to a tenure-track Assistant Professor in Warner College who has demonstrated exceptional performance in the full breadth of responsibilities expected as a faculty member at Colorado State University, including excellence in research, instruction, and service. Decision made by the Dean.

Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from the nominee's Department Head
- Supporting letters from members of Warner College or outside the College are welcomed, but not required.
- A recent CV of the nominee

Awards available to staff members in the Warner College of Natural Resources

Eligibility for all staff awards extends to any employee in Warner College who does not meet the eligibility requirements for faculty or student awards and who is employed in at least a 0.5 FTE position.

Outstanding Staff Member Award

This award is presented to a staff member in Warner College who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and innovation, and an exceptional customer service ethic in fulfilling their job responsibilities. Any administrative professional or state classified staff member working for the College or its units in any capacity can be considered. Decision made by the Executive Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College
- At least one supporting letter. Supporting letter may be from a member of Warner College or outside the college.

Warner College Inclusive Excellence Award for Staff

This award is presented to a staff member in the Warner College who has made significant contributions toward advancing the College's goals to foster inclusive excellence. Decision made by the Executive Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College
- At least one supporting letter. Supporting letter may be from a member of Warner College or outside the college.

Awards available to students in the Warner College of Natural Resources

Eligibility for student awards extends to any student enrolled in a major in Warner College or in GDPE with an advisor in Warner College, who was actively and fully pursuing their degree for part or all of the year of the award. Specific eligibility criteria differ among the awards.

Robert Davis Honor Senior Memorial Award

This award is presented to an outstanding graduating senior in the Warner College of Natural Resources who has attained exceptional academic standing, has demonstrated participation in college activities, and has demonstrated strong potential for future leadership. This decision made by the Academic Affairs Awards Committee using Department Head recommendations. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from the Department Head
- Supporting letters from other faculty members of Warner College are welcomed, but not required.

Undergraduate Research Award

This award is presented to an undergraduate in Warner College who has demonstrated significant contribution to the college research mission, or who has demonstrated outstanding research achievements. Decision made by the Research Awards Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from the nominee's research advisor
- Supporting letters from members of Warner College or outside the college are welcomed, but not required.
- Additional supporting materials (e.g., research report) are welcomed, but not required.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant

This award is presented to a student who served as a teaching assistant in one or more classes offered by a member of Warner College during the previous calendar year, for outstanding performance as a teaching assistant. Decision made by the Academic Affairs Awards Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from the nominee's supervisor or Department Head
- Supporting letters from members of Warner College or outside the college are accepted, but not required.
- Supporting letters from students who were in the TA's class are welcomed, but not required.

Outstanding Master's Thesis Award

This award is presented to a student who graduated with a Master's degree in 2023 - 2024, whose Master's Thesis exhibits exceptional quality in presentation, approach, and content. Decision made by the Academic Affairs Awards Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from the nominee's advisor
- Supporting letters from members of Warner College or outside the college are welcomed, but not required.
- A copy of the Master's Thesis

Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award

This award is presented to a student who graduated with a PhD in 2023 - 2024, whose PhD dissertation exhibits exceptional quality in presentation, approach, and content. Decision made by the Research Awards Committee. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from the nominee's advisor
- Supporting letters from members of Warner College or outside the college are welcomed but not required.
- A copy of the PhD Dissertation

Award available to individuals with emeritus status in the Warner College of Natural Resources

Eligibility for the emeritus faculty award extends to any individual granted emeritus status by Colorado State University affiliated with a Warner College department or program.

Warner College Emeritus Award.

This award is presented to an individual granted emeritus status by Colorado State University affiliated with a Warner College department or program who has an outstanding record of impact during and following their career at CSU in research, scholarship, education, outreach or service. Decision made by the Dean. Nomination materials required:

- Nomination letter from someone in Warner College.
- At least one supporting letter from a member of Warner College.
- At least one of the letters (nomination or support) must be from the current Unit Leader of the unit for which the candidate is affiliated.