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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to request your assistance in identifying candidates for the 2024-2025 Harold E. Edgerton Faculty Achievement Award, which is presented each year to an outstanding non-tenured member of the MIT faculty.

The award, which recognizes exceptional distinction in teaching, research, and service, was established in 1982 as a permanent tribute to Institute Professor Emeritus Harold E. Edgerton for his great and enduring support for junior faculty. Tenured faculty and faculty whose tenure decision is mandatory this year are ineligible. The winner will receive an honorarium of \$10,000 as well as Institute-wide recognition for their achievements.

A complete nomination consists of **three** items:

1) A letter (maximum of five pages) summarizing the candidate's contributions to teaching, research, and service to the MIT and/or professional communities. A strong letter of nomination will explain the significance of the nominee's research and publications record to non-specialists and include brief quotations from other MIT faculty, staff members, or students. We encourage you to include in the letter an executive summary, as well as to highlight significant publications and teaching evaluations; information on current research support and pending proposals could also be helpful. *Tip: Previous years' committees have found that letters with good descriptions of the impacts of the nominee's research and testimonials from other colleagues about teaching and service were more persuasive than those with detailed technical accounts of research (i.e., as if writing for peers in their discipline).*

2) A current curriculum vitae in the standard format for the candidate's School or Department (Faculty Personnel Record preferred when available).

3) A record of teaching evaluations and subjects taught.

NOTES:

1. Additional supporting letters are not needed and should not be submitted.
2. Self-nominations are not accepted.

A list of previous award recipients is attached.

Nominations are due by 5pm EST on Friday, January 24, 2025, and should be emailed to Dr. Tami Kaplan (tkaplan@mit.edu). Dr. Kaplan would also be pleased to answer any questions about the nomination process.

Thank you for your help in identifying candidates for this distinguished award.

Sincerely,

Leonid Kogan (MIT Sloan)
Chair, Edgerton Faculty Achievement Award Selection Committee

On behalf of the committee:
Richard Braatz (Engineering)
Kate Brown (SHASS)
Kristel Smentek (SA+P)
Michael Williams (Science)

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Harold E. Edgerton
Faculty Achievement Award Recipients

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|-------------|---|-------------|--|
| 2024 | Erin Kara
Physics | 2012 | Tanja Bosak
Earth, Atmospheric, & Planetary
Sciences |
| 2023 | Ellen Roche
Mechanical Engineering/IMES | 2011 | Jonathan Kelner
Mathematics |
| | Justin Solomon
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science | | Rebecca Saxe
Brain and Cognitive Sciences |
| 2022 | Amy Moran-Thomas
Anthropology | 2010 | Markus J. Buehler
Civil and Environmental Engineering |
| 2021 | Desirée Plata
Civil and Environmental Engineering | 2009 | Krystyn Van Vliet
Materials Science and Engineering |
| | Justin Steil
Urban Studies and Planning | 2008 | Jay Scheib
Music and Theater Arts |
| 2020 | Alex Shalek
Chemistry | 2007 | Nergis Mavalvala
Physics |
| 2019 | Vivienne Sze
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science | 2006 | David I. Kaiser
Program in Science, Technology, and
Society |
| 2018 | Vinod Vaikuntanathan
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science | 2005 | Erik Demaine
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science |
| 2017 | Amos Winter
Mechanical Engineering | | Emma Teng
Foreign Languages and Literature |
| 2016 | Katharina Ribbeck
Biological Engineering | 2004 | Catherine L. Drennan
Chemistry |
| | Jesse Thaler
Physics | | Muriel Medard
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science |
| 2015 | Kay Tye
Brain and Cognitive Sciences | 2003 | Hari Balakrishnan
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science |
| 2014 | Nickolai Zeldovich
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science | 2002 | Peter H. Seeberger
Chemistry |
| 2013 | Graham Jones
Anthropology | | |

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Faculty Achievement Award Recipients, *cont.*

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|-------------|---|-------------|--|
| 2001 | Justine Cassell
Media Arts and Sciences | 1988 | Peter C. Perdue
History |
| | Seth Lloyd
Mechanical Engineering | 1987 | Sylvia T. Ceyer
Chemistry |
| 2000 | L. Mahadevan
Mechanical Engineering | 1986 | Jeffrey H. Lang
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science |
| 1999 | Tania Baker
Biology | 1985 | Robert C. Berwick
Computational Linguistics |
| 1998 | Steven B. Leeb
Electrical Engineering | 1984 | Joshua Cohen
Political Science |
| 1997 | Julie Dorsey
Architecture | | Jae S. Lim
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science |
| 1996 | Anne E. C. McCants
History | 1983 | Isabelle de Courtivron
Foreign Languages and Literatures |
| 1995 | Jacqueline N. Hewitt
Physics | | Warren P. Seering
Mechanical Engineering |
| 1994 | Martha L. Gray
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science | | |
| 1993 | Jesús A. del Alamo
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science | | |
| 1992 | Henry Jenkins
Literature | | |
| 1991 | Mehran Kardar
Physics | | |
| 1990 | Stephen L. Buchwald
Chemistry | | |
| 1989 | John N. Tsitsiklis
Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science | | |