

**To: Outside Reviewers of Candidates for the University of Nebraska
Innovation Development and Engagement Award (IDEA)**

From: IDEA Awards Selection Committee

Five letters of support from leaders of community, business, private, governmental, non-profit, cultural, or educational organizations from outside the University of Nebraska system are required for the nomination of a faculty member for the Innovation, Development and Engagement Award. This award has been established to recognize faculty who have extended their academic expertise beyond the boundaries of the University resulting in new developments that have strengthened the region or community economically, culturally, environmentally, or governmentally. Nominations are solicited from the campuses of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

The recipients of the IDEA award are honored annually in the spring and are each awarded \$10,000, a presidential medallion, and a plaque.

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of support on behalf of one of the professors who has been nominated for this prestigious award.

When writing your letter of support, keep in mind the following criteria: the awards are given for a sustained record of excellent accomplishments and documented impact in the creation of economic growth or partnerships with businesses, schools, or communities, or initiatives that improve social or cultural understanding, or commercialization of research and technology.

Please email your letter of support by November 1, 2017 to:

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