



October 31, 2024

Dear Deans, Chairs and Faculty,

The Wayne State University Academy of Scholars (AoS) plans to honor up to four junior faculty members with the “Junior Faculty Award” in 2025. We invite your help in identifying Wayne State University junior faculty members who are deserving of this high honor. The awardees will be recognized at the AoS annual banquet and receive a \$1,000 award to support their academic activities.

Nominees should have significant publications or creative achievements that have enabled them to achieve national and international recognition earlier than usual in their careers. The Junior Faculty Award nominee should not have received tenure and have completed no more than seven years of active faculty service. They should exhibit exceptional originality and productivity in their scholarship or creative work.

In the nomination package, please include the following materials **separately**:

- Letter of nomination,
- The nominee's current curriculum vitae,
- A list of at least five names, titles and affiliations, addresses, and email addresses of appropriate external referees from whom we should seek letters of appraisal for your nominee.

Please email the complete package with the subject “**Junior Faculty Award Nomination**” to **Professor Mark Baskaran**, [baskaran@wayne.edu](mailto:baskaran@wayne.edu), Chair of AoS Junior Faculty Award Selection Committee and **Professor Mark Luborsky**, [mluborsky@wayne.edu](mailto:mluborsky@wayne.edu), President of The Academy of Scholars, no later than **November 30, 2024**. The Committee will solicit external letters of appraisal for each nominee. The nomination process is completely confidential, so please take care **not to inadvertently inform the candidate** of his/her nomination. We will also maintain confidentiality in the process of soliciting external letters of appraisal.

We look forward to receiving your nominations. I thank you for your support and assistance in this important endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Luborsky'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'L'.

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