



College of Science and Mathematics

2026-2027 MADISON SCHOLARS AWARD: **GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION**

James Madison University (JMU) prides itself on the accomplishments and commitment of its faculty. Each year the College of Science & Mathematics (CSM) presents to one faculty member the Madison Scholar Award in recognition of their cumulative accomplishments, with emphasis given to their scholarly work done while at JMU. Our faculty hold that a scholar has two responsibilities: the acquisition/ sharing of new knowledge and the education of our undergraduate students as future scholars.

The CSM Madison Scholars Award recipient will be chosen by the CSM Faculty Research and Awards Committee. The recipient will be recognized at the CSM Commencement ceremony in the spring and will be given a \$1000 honorarium and the traditional Madison Scholar pin. The recipient will present a special seminar to the community during the 2026-2027 academic year. An announcement of recipients from each college will be made each spring by the Provost's Office.

Past Distinguished Service Award recipients: <https://www.jmu.edu/academic-affairs/awards/scholars.shtml>

TIMELINE

- Guidelines and Applications updates announced to CSM departments in early Fall.
- CSM departments inform nominees of their nomination in October.
- Nominee's dossier is due (electronically as a single PDF) to the CSM Dean's office (emuriabd@jmu.edu) by **12:00 noon, EDT, on November 3, 2025.**

REQUIREMENTS. To be eligible for the CSM Madison Scholars Award the nominee must:

- 1) Currently teach undergraduates and/or graduate students.
- 2) Currently have full-time (non-retired or non-emeritus) status.
- 3) Have completed at least five years of service at JMU.
- 4) Have never received the Madison Scholar Award.

PROCEDURE. The selection process begins at the departmental level. Madison Scholars nominees may be nominated by any full-time faculty member, including academic unit heads.

For consideration, nominees must submit a dossier that includes:

- A maximum one-page description of scholarly work, outlining significance and impact.
- A list of undergraduate students who have worked with the nominee.
- Current CV, including a list of peer reviewed publications.

- OPTIONAL: Up to three letters of support. While optional, the nominee should consider the added value, impact, and context provided by peers, graduated students, and/or external evaluation of their scholarly activities. Letters must not be longer than one page and should be addressed to the chair of the Faculty Research and Awards Committee. Only letters from graduated students, not those currently enrolled, will be accepted. Letters from reviewers external to JMU (e.g. faculty peers at another institution) are highly encouraged.

Please contact CSM Associate Dean Steve Whitmeyer (whitmesj@jmu.edu) for more information about the application process.