

Wasmer Excellence in Research Award

Introduction, Overview, and Rationale

The Wasmer Excellence in Research Award is designed to incent, reward, and recognize academic research of the highest quality within each field of study in the Boler School of Business (BSOB). This award promotes the BSOB's core value of faculty scholarship. By promoting high quality scholarship it advances our goal to maintain and improve our reputation among AACSB accredited business programs.

We have chosen to use the quality of the journal (as measured by a variety of widely available and externally validated journal rankings) in which a research study is published as a proxy for the quality of the study itself. While not a perfect or unambiguous measure, it is a generally accepted, efficacious and objective means of recognizing excellent research. It is also a signal to the faculty of the journals that are most highly valued by the BSOB. As such, we hope that faculty will endeavor to submit high quality research to these journals for review and eventual publication.

Research published in high quality journals may also be recognized through other means (e.g. by means of a merit raise, or as part of a promotion or tenure decision, etc...), however, the Wasmer Excellence in Research Award is intended to highlight and celebrate a specific work, rather than a body of work.

Specific Criteria and Award Levels

The "BSOB Academic Research Journal List" is used as the basis for making the Wasmer Excellence in Research Awards. This list is maintained and reviewed on a regular basis by the BSOB Research Committee (see Criteria for Journal Inclusion on the JCU Journal List spreadsheet for additional detail about adding or removing a journal from the list). Only research studies are to be awarded. Short articles, notes, overviews, book reviews, and other contributions to a journal are excluded from this award.

To qualify for a Wasmer Research award, the author(s) 1) must be a current full-time faculty member in the BSOB at the time of qualifying for the award, 2) must not have other research funding from the Wasmer grant (e.g. new faculty with summer support from Wasmer funds), and 3) the author affiliation in the published work must be the Boler School of Business (or John Carroll University). For articles with multiple authors, the amount awarded will be at the discretion of the Dean of the BSOB. An individual faculty member may qualify for more than one award during any academic year.

It is the responsibility of the author(s) to notify the Associate Dean – Academic and Accreditation by e-mail, of an article acceptance that qualifies for an award. The date of the notification e-mail containing the final acceptance must fall within the award year, defined to be June 1 to May 31*. In the notification e-mail, the author(s) should include 1) an electronic copy of a letter or a forwarded e-mail from the editor of the journal clearly indicating the article is accepted for publication (a conditional acceptance does not qualify) 2) an electronic copy of the article (a pre-galley proof draft is acceptable), and 3) any other pertinent information.

Gold Award:

This award is for a research study published in any journal that is included on the BSOB Academic Research Journal List (the list that prevails during the academic year) that is ranked as a “Premium Tier I” journal. The amount of the award is to be \$5,000 (at the discretion of the BSOB Dean).**

Silver Award:

This award is for a research study published in any journal that is included on the BSOB Academic Research Journal List (the list that prevails during the academic year) that is ranked as a “Tier I” journal. The amount of the award is to be \$4,000 (at the discretion of the BSOB Dean.)**

* Awards will normally be disbursed to recipients in the pay period following the end of the award year.

** If the award budget is exhausted before all awards are made at the indicated levels, the awards will be scaled to reflect the budget.