The Award for Excellence in Research is presented at the Founder's Day Convocation each year. The Award is funded by the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences. The total amount of funding for the award in a given year is $2,000.

The rules governing the Award are as follows:

1. The Award will be given to an outstanding faculty member who is either at the rank of Assistant Professor or who has been an Associate Professor no longer than four years.

2. The Award will be given for any kind of significant research, creative activity, or scholarly activity substantially completed while at Wake Forest.

3. Nominations for the Award are to come from department chairpersons; more than one nomination will be accepted from a given department.

4. The nomination must include a letter outlining the significance of the research and the candidate's curriculum vitae. In support of the nomination, evidence of the research (in the form of a reprint, book, painting, score, etc.) should also be included. Please include evidence to support faculty members' candidacy from external sources or reviewers. Repeated nominations are encouraged.

5. All nominations must be electronic and should be sent to Debbie Deheck deheckds@wfu.edu by the established deadline.

While the nomination need not be a “secret” to the nominee, the award will only be announced at the Convocation.