

Innovation Awards seeks nominations, registration for entrepreneurship gala
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Know an outstanding faculty, student or regional innovator or entrepreneur? TechGROWTH Ohio and Ohio University's Vice President for Research and Creative Activity are seeking nominations for several awards that recognize outstanding technology innovation and business development.

The winners of the competition will be recognized at the first annual Innovation Awards, to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 at Ohio University's Baker University Center Ballroom. The event will celebrate the fifth anniversary of TechGROWTH Ohio, a program funded by the state Third Frontier program, Ohio University and industry sponsors to provide investments and business expertise to startup companies in southeastern Ohio. TechGROWTH Ohio is part of an entrepreneurial ecosystem that includes programs that support university and regional technology commercialization and small business incubation.

The Innovation Awards seeks nominations in the following categories:

- Outstanding Faculty Innovation
- Outstanding Student Innovation
- Social Innovation
- Green Innovation
- Outstanding Woman in Innovation
- Entrepreneur of the Year

Rules and eligibility details are available at the Innovation Awards website, www.gala.ohio.edu.

Finalists will be notified and invited to the event, where winners in each category will be announced.

The gala also will feature the university's first Konneker Medal for Commercialization and Entrepreneurship, which will be awarded annually to up to three faculty, student or alumni inventors and entrepreneurs.

Registration to attend the Innovation Awards is now open. Tickets are \$30. The evening will begin with a networking reception followed by a formal dinner and program. To register or read additional details about the event, visit www.gala.ohio.edu.