



RURAL RENEWAL INITIATIVE

Seeking Nominations: Rural Renewal Research Prize

The Oklahoma State University [Rural Renewal Initiative](#) inspires, empowers, and coordinates rural renewal research in Oklahoma and beyond. The Rural Renewal Initiative supports interdisciplinary research by funding seed grant projects seeking to improve the lives of people in rural communities and providing them with trained student research scholars to lead community-engaged and participatory research.

The Rural Renewal Initiative will host its annual **Rural Renewal Symposium** at Quartz Mountain Lodge near Lone Wolf, Oklahoma, November 2-3rd, 2023, to expand and empower its network of collaborating faculty, students, and community leaders. The symposium will feature the work of faculty, students, and other scientists and engineers who have conducted research with, in, or for rural communities. At the symposium, the Rural Renewal Initiative will award the **Rural Renewal Research Prize**. This award honors a world leader in rural renewal research, education, and engagement. The Rural Renewal Initiative is seeking nominations for a distinguished scholar in the area of rural renewal.

Previous Rural Renewal Research Prize Winners

- 2022 Dr. Amy Azano
Associate Professor, Adolescent Literacy and Rural Education, Virginia Tech University
- 2021 Ben Winchester,
Extension Educator, Community Economics, University of Minnesota Extension
- 2020 Dr. Steven Deller
Professor, Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Nomination materials include:

1. A one- or two-page **letter of nomination** indicating the nominee's name, an explanation of the nominee's contributions to rural renewal, and other information which might be helpful to the review committee. The name, address, email, and phone number of the person making the nomination should also be included.
2. A two-page **curriculum vitae** for the individual nominated, which showcases the nominee's research accomplishments working with, in, or for rural communities. This can include, but is not limited to, educational background, places of employment, publications, research grants/projects, positions held with professional organizations, awards received, volunteer activities, special projects undertaken, courses taught, and other information which may assist the review committee.
3. Three one-page **letters of support** for the nominee that demonstrate his or her work and its impact on rural communities.

The nominating materials must be received as a **single pdf file** sent to ruralrenewal@okstate.edu by **August 1, 2023**. The nominations will be reviewed by an external review committee. The winner will be notified by September 1, 2023. The awardee must participate **in person** in the Rural Renewal Symposium, providing a keynote address on November 2, 2023, at Quartz Mountain Lodge. The Prize will include a \$5,000 stipend.