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Dear colleagues,

Nominations for the Collaboration Award that I announced at my fall address last semester are now being accepted. As I indicated at that time, collaboration is critical to our future. More and more, the university will need to work better across units, college and divisions, and also partner with outside entities. This award is designed to encourage collaborations and to recognize those that are the most outstanding.

One award will be given in each of two categories:

- The Internal Award Category will recognize innovative collaborations between two or more units across campus.
- The External Award Category will recognize innovative collaborations between campus units and off-campus non-profit, corporate or governmental entities.

The award will include a physical award of some nature for each unit involved in the collaboration, certificates of recognition for the individuals involved, and a cash award of \$10,000 which must be used by the collaboration to advance its goals. The cash award is to be used for items such as professional development, purchase of equipment or materials, hiring of consultants and other things that would advance the collaboration.

The criteria for the award includes:

- Collaborations must involve more than one unit of campus with special consideration given to collaborations that engage units from more than one College or Division of the University
- Collaborations must have measurable results that demonstrate a tangible outcome
- Collaborations should be innovative in some fashion (i.e.: engaging partners that would not normally work together, engaging partners in a new way, etc.)
- Collaborations should be connected to one or more goals of the University's strategic plan
- Collaborations should explain how the prize money would be used to advance the partnership

The deadline for award nominations is June 1.

To apply, go to: https://indstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2tAoMRrpOnkjYmV.

I hope to see many nominations. If your area is not involved in a collaboration that can be nominated, consider starting one that would advance the goals of your unit and those of the university.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President

