The faculty of the School of Communication Studies at Ohio University welcome nominations for the next Paul Boase Prize competition.

Paul Henshaw Boase (1915-2000), founding director of the School of Interpersonal Communication (now the School of Communication Studies) at Ohio University, was a nationally known scholar of public address and a beloved teacher widely acknowledged for his devotion to his students’ learning. To remember his commitment and compassion, his family established the Paul Boase Prize for Scholarship.

The Boase Prize honors scholars who have made an outstanding contribution to the discipline through recent scholarship (in any area of Communication) that has had a major influence on the direction of scholarship within the field. The award is given to a person whose scholarship reflects the spirit of Paul Boase—his dedication to others, his commitment to making a difference, and his love of learning.

The criteria used for the award selection will include the intellectual creativity and depth of the scholarship, its immediate impact on the community of scholars, its potential for enduring value, and its author’s enactment of Paul Boase’s educational commitments. A faculty panel from the School of Communication Studies will review submissions and select the Prize winner.

Recipients of the Boase Prize will receive a $2,000 honorarium and will be invited to come to the Ohio University campus in the fall or spring following their award selection for a public presentation of scholarship on a topic of their choosing.

Nominators will be asked to provide a letter of support that speaks to the award selection criteria, as well as a copy of the nominee’s current CV, along with an indication that the nominee is willing to be considered for the Prize. Self-nominations are accepted but must be accompanied by a letter of support from another individual as well.

Nominations may be sent electronically to Lynn M. Harter, Chair, Boase Prize Selection Committee, at harter@ohio.edu. Materials must be received by April 1st, 2024, for consideration. Email correspondence concerning the award is welcome.