Research Frontiers Trailblazer Award Criteria
The Research Frontiers Trailblazer Award recognizes outstanding IUPUI researchers who are showing great promise in becoming nationally and internationally known for their accomplishments in advancing the frontiers of knowledge.

Eligibility Criteria
This award is for outstanding research and scholarly activity accomplishments by an associate professor. An eligible nominee must be a full-time faculty member at IUPUI, and within the first three years (with respect to the current academic year) of promotion or appointment in the rank of associate professor. This award may be received only once.

Application Process
A candidate must be nominated by a department chair, associate dean, or dean. Each school may nominate up to three eligible candidates, if the total number, per school, of associate professors who are within the first three years of their appointment, is 1-5, 6-10, or more than 10, respectively.

The nomination package must only contain the following items:
• Letter from the dean or associate dean of the school highlighting the candidate’s outstanding research and scholarly activity accomplishments, and prospects for achieving national and international recognition. This letter must also include the date of promotion or appointment in the rank of Associate Professor.
• One independent external letter of support
• Statement by the nominee of future research and scholarly activity plans (3 page limit)
• Complete curriculum vitae of the nominee, including information about accomplishments, collaborations, external funding support, and awards and recognitions.

Application Deadline
For 2010 awards, all application materials must be submitted electronically by Wednesday, Feb. 17, to Etta Ward (emward@iupui.edu), director of research development, IUPUI Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research.

Review and Selection Process
Review and selection of the award recipients will be carried out based on the following process. Each year a campus-wide review committee will be convened by the vice chancellor for research, composed of members selected in close consultation with the Council of Associate Deans for Research, and the research affairs committee. This committee, upon review of the applications received, will submit its recommendations to the vice chancellor for research who, in consultation with the campus leadership, will finalize the selection of the award recipients. Each year, up to three awards will be given campus-wide, and each award will include a $1,000 cash prize, provided in support of the recipient’s research. Recipients of the 2010 Research Frontiers Trailblazer Award will be recognized at the 2010 IUPUI Research Day, to be held on April 9.