The 2010 Faculty Senate Award for Collaboration has been awarded to Patricia Hurn, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs, School of Medicine and Professor and Vice Chairman for Research, Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine.

Dr. Hurn has served as Professor and Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at OHSU since 2003. She holds joint appointments in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology and the Department of Neurology and is also Director of the OHSU Research Center for Gender-Based Medicine.

Dr. Hurn is recognized internationally as an expert in cerebrovascular physiology and gender biology. She is currently investigating gender differences in experimental stroke outcomes and is working to uncover the mechanisms by which estrogen, progesterone and other gonadal steroids provide neuroprotection against ischemia/reperfusion injury in adult female animals. She is a Fellow of the American Heart Association, the American College of Critical Care Medicine and the American Physiological Society. She also sits on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow Metabolism and is Assistant Editor for Basic Science for the journal Stroke.

In her letter of nomination, Sharon Anderson, M.D., Professor, Department of Medicine, Vice Chair for Veterans’ Affairs and Chief of Medical Service, Portland VA Medical Center, writes:

“Dr. Hurn sets the standard for collaboration among her colleagues within our department and across our campus. As an internationally recognized stroke expert, she has used her collaborative skills to advance the research careers of new investigators as well as more seasoned investigators. The result has been new discoveries, increased funding, and international recognition. Indeed, she has played a major role in raising the profile of OHSU to a world-class academic research institution. As associate dean for faculty development and faculty affairs, Dr. Hurn has developed initiatives that provide pathways to career development through the shared experiences of faculty from diverse specialties. Both the Mentoring program and the Paths to Leadership program are founded on this collaborative approach. The Mentoring program has been highly successful since it began last year with over 100 faculty members already choosing to participate; and the Paths to Leadership program, which launches in April 2010, promises to be equally successful.
Dr. Hurn has also chaired several interdisciplinary task forces and committees at OHSU that have made recommendations for improvements that the administration has implemented. Finally, she has chaired several planning committees that have organized outstanding international medical conferences, most recently the 2010 International Stroke Conference.”