

Teaching Awards Summary

In addition to the [Joseph R. Accinno Award](#), three new teaching awards were introduced during the 2016-2017 academic year. These will be offered each year with a call for nominations in March and the submission of materials by mid-April. The Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Group will oversee the selection process. (Advisory group members are not eligible for these awards.) Each award recipient will receive a cash stipend and formal acknowledgement.

Recognition for Teaching Excellence: Innovation in Teaching

This award will be given to a faculty member who has implemented outstanding innovative teaching approaches that increase student learning and success. Innovative teaching is defined broadly, but necessarily involves creative ways to engage students in the learning process. Advancements in active learning, service learning, study abroad, undergraduate research/mentoring, inclusive pedagogies, and using technology in the classroom are prime examples of teaching innovation.

Nominations will be solicited via an online form that is accessible to the entire campus. Faculty, students, and staff will be able to nominate any faculty member for this recognition. Self-nominations are permitted. When submitting the nomination, a brief description of faculty member's innovation in teaching is required. After all nominations are received, the committee will review the nominations and solicit a statement on teaching innovation and course syllabi from the selected nominees. The committee will then review all information and select a recipient.

Recognition for Teaching Excellence by Visiting and Practitioner Faculty

This award recognizes visiting and practitioner faculty for their excellence in teaching and promoting enthusiasm for learning. Nominees should have demonstrated excellence in teaching and an ongoing devotion to enhance classroom teaching and student engagement.

Department Chairs, Assistant/Associate Department Chairs, and Program Directors can nominate visiting and practitioner faculty in their department for this recognition via an online form that requires the nominee's name and a description of the faculty member's excellence in teaching. After all nominations are received, the committee will review the nominations and solicit a statement on teaching and a list of courses taught from each nominee. The committee will then review all information and select a recipient.

Recognition for Teaching Excellence by Adjunct Faculty

The award recognizes adjunct faculty for their excellence in teaching and promoting enthusiasm for learning. Nominees should have demonstrated excellence in teaching and an ongoing devotion to enhance classroom teaching and student engagement. The award recipient will receive a cash stipend and formal acknowledgement. The recognition process is administered by the Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Group.

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