

College of Sciences Ringenberg Award

Purpose and Criteria

The Ringenberg Award is the highest faculty honor bestowed by Eastern Illinois University's College of Sciences. The award is named in honor of Lawrence A. Ringenberg, the first dean of Arts and Sciences at EIU serving from 1961-1980. In the tradition of Dr. Ringenberg, this award recognizes excellence in our academic community. The award is given to tenured faculty members in the College of Sciences for exceptional performance during their academic career at Eastern Illinois University. The award shall be made in the spring semester of each academic year. The award criteria are:

- A published scholar who has developed a national or international reputation in his or her field.
- A teacher of the highest caliber, dedicated to helping students achieve their personal and professional goals.
- A person with a distinguished record of service to his or her Department, the College of Sciences, the University, and/or his or her profession.

The above criteria are listed in order of importance. No award will be made if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee and/or the Dean, there is no nominee who adequately meets at least the first two criteria.

Eligibility

- Full-time tenured faculty members in the College of Sciences who have completed at least five academic years of employment in the College.
- Previous recipients of the Ringenberg Award are not eligible.
- Members of the Ringenberg Award Selection Committee in a given year are not eligible for the award.

Nomination Process

- Any College of Sciences tenured/tenure track faculty member or department chair may nominate one eligible faculty colleague in the College of Sciences for the Ringenberg Award. Selection committee members are excluded from participating in the nomination process.
- By the posted deadline, nominators will submit the following materials to College of Sciences Dean's office located at 2118 Old Main:
 - ✓ A letter of nomination outlining the reasons for the nomination.
 - ✓ A written summary of the nominee's achievements and contributions.
 - ✓ Up to two letters in support of the nominee.
 - ✓ The nominee's curriculum vitae with relevant activities highlighted.
- No other materials will be considered by the Ringenberg Award Selection Committee.

Selection Process

- The Selection Committee will consist of three members, two of whom are previous Ringenberg Award recipients and one a COS department chair representative.
- The Selection Committee will review all completed applications.
- The Selection Committee will make recommendations to the Dean of the College of Sciences.
- The Dean of the College of Sciences will select the recipient(s).
- The chair of the Selection Committee will inform the recipient(s) of the award.