

College of Sciences Teaching Excellence Award

Established 2003

Purpose and Criteria

The College of Sciences Teaching Excellence Award is designed to celebrate and honor consistent excellence in teaching. The Award shall be made in the spring semester of each academic year. The ideal candidate for the COS Teaching Excellence Award shall be:

- A faculty member who is recognized by both colleagues and students as a teacher of the highest caliber, dedicated to the learning enterprise.
- A teacher who is involved in creative teaching and learning activities outside the boundaries of traditional course work (e.g., research on teaching; presentations to other educators; partnerships with P-16 institutions; study abroad; service learning; integrative learning activities).
- A teacher who challenges students to fulfill their potential as learners.
- A teacher who demonstrates teaching excellence across all courses offered.

No award will be made if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no nominee who adequately meets these criteria. If the Selection Committee chooses to make an Award, the recipient will be announced at the College of Sciences ScienceFest during the second half of the spring semester.

Eligibility

- To be eligible for the Teaching Excellence Award, one must be a full-time faculty member (tenured, tenure-track, or annually contracted faculty) in the College of Sciences who has completed at least three consecutive academic years of employment in the College and who has not received the Award in the previous three years.
- Members of the Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee are not eligible to be nominated for the Award.

Nomination Process

- Any College of Sciences faculty member or department chair, except members of the Selection Committee, may nominate one eligible faculty colleague in the College of Sciences for the Teaching Excellence Award.
- By the posted deadline, nominators will submit the following materials to the office of the Dean, College of Sciences, room 2118, Old Main:
 - A letter of nomination detailing the reasons for the nomination
 - Two letters in support of the nomination, at least one of which must be from a current or former student.
 - Summaries of all student evaluations for the previous three years
 - Copies of Assignment of Duties forms for the previous three years.
- No other materials will be considered by the COS Teaching Excellence Selection Committee.

Selection Process

- The Selection Committee will be comprised of former COS Teaching Award recipients and a department chairperson from the College of Sciences.
- The Selection Committee will review all completed applications, and will make recommendations to the Dean of the College of Sciences.
- The Dean of the College of Sciences will inform the recipient(s) of the award.