

# Excellence in Teaching

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## **General**

The Provost's Awards for Academic Excellence were created to exemplify where someone has truly excelled in teaching. Exhibits should demonstrate how the applicant has gone above what is expected.

## **Teaching Philosophy**

One page outside the narrative describing your teaching philosophy. This should be followed by the contributions made in delivering on this philosophy. (NOTE: This does not count toward your page limit.)

## **Narrative**

(It is not required to address each of the elements outlined below.)

- No more than five (5) pages, be sure to state the impact on university, students and community
- Interest and enthusiasm for undertaking teaching and for promoting student learning
- Ability to arouse curiosity, and to stimulate independent learning and the development of critical thought
- Ability to present course material clearly and imaginatively
- Participation in the effective guidance and mentoring of students
- Method(s) for appropriate assessment, including providing worthwhile feedback to students on their learning
- Ability to assist students to participate and achieve success in their courses
- Command of the subject matter, including the incorporation in teaching of recent developments in the field of study
- Participation in professional activities and research related to teaching
- Involvement in curriculum development
- Other activities that may not have been addressed by the guidelines stated above
- For all activities, please specify whether the activity was course related or if it was a compensated activity (either stipend, or release time). The committee will decide how compensated and uncompensated items compare.

## **Supporting Documents**

- Include a syllabus for one course. (NOTE: This does not count toward your page limit.)
- Ten (10) pages of supporting documentation. Whenever applicable, such as in the case of performing/creative works, faculty may submit multimedia as part of their supporting documentation. For each individual multimedia element submitted, the number of pages of supporting documentation should be reduced by the number of items represented. Submissions should not contain multipage works, such as journal articles or books.
- Up to three (3) letters of support from deans, chairs, peers or students – letters of support from these individuals do not count towards your 10-page limit of supporting documentation. Each letter of support should not exceed two (2) pages.

## **Appendix**

Application includes stipulated appendix furnishing an outline of your application activities. Use major headings for each category followed by a summary of the activity and the associated dates in reverse chronological order. List course numbers, title, credit hours and any characteristics of the course that may be relevant including: new preparation, graduate-level course, required, elective, etc.