

Title: Outstanding Teaching Award

Purpose: The Outstanding Teaching Award is designed to encourage, reward, and publicly acknowledge sustained excellence in teaching by members of the University's faculty. The award recognizes excellence in teaching practices that reflect the highest standards in pedagogy, a record of outstanding teaching effectiveness within and outside the classroom, the ability to inspire, promote, and sustain the intellectual development of students, course and program development, fostering of critical thinking and independent inquiry of students.

Eligibility: Any full-time teaching faculty, lecturer/senior lecturer, non-tenure track professorial ranked faculty, or clinical faculty with an earned masters or terminal degree (or equivalent) and a minimum of 5 years of service at KSU and have a total of 10 years of higher education experience is eligible to apply for the award. Administrators with faculty rank are ineligible for faculty awards (i.e, receives a Contract for Faculty Ranked Administrators). In other words, only faculty members who have been issued a fiscal or academic year Tenured Personnel, Non-Tenured Personnel, or Non-Tenure Track Personnel contract are eligible for this award. Award winners are eligible to reapply once every 5 years. Award recipients must be under contract at KSU when the award is presented.

Award Amount: The award consists of \$10,000 and plaque for the winner, and \$2,500 and a plaque for each of two finalists.

Number and Frequency of Awards: One award may be presented annually, as well as up to two finalist awards. However, if there are a lack of outstanding candidates, an award may not be granted.

Award Criteria: The following are non-ranked examples of accomplishments that may be included as evidence.

- Evidence of consistent excellent teaching;
- Student success and/or accomplishments;
- Advising and/or mentoring of students (e.g., internships, directed studies, study abroad);
- Mentoring of other faculty;
- Evidence of reflective teaching;
- Intellectually rigorous, creative, and engaging pedagogy;
- Teaching workshops, invited talks, or presentations;
- External awards and recognitions by local, national, and international organizations for teaching excellence;
- Sustained contributions to curriculum development, and/or innovative instructional techniques and technologies.

Application Procedures: Submit the following at this link on the CETL website:
<http://cetl.kennesaw.edu/faculty-awards/outstanding-teaching>

- A Cover Sheet including name, rank and title(s), department and the title of this award (Outstanding Teaching).
- A 3-5 page summary statement by the nominee highlighting his/her excellence in teaching in relation to the award criteria; The summary must be created using 12 point Times New Roman font with one inch margins.
- Documentation showing the recognition the nominee's teaching has received (e.g., awards and recognitions by local, national, and international organizations for teaching excellence;
- A current curriculum vitae;
- Up to 5 documented exemplars of outstanding teaching (e.g., syllabi, activities, assessments, peer reviews, and teaching evaluations);
- A maximum of three letters in support of the nomination;
- All materials must be compiled into a single pdf document.

Application Deadline: March 14, 2016 – 5:00 pm

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures: The Outstanding Teaching Awards Selection Committee will look for originality, creativity, productivity, and for evidence of outstanding teaching and mentoring. Factors to be considered will also include teaching load, course level, and some form of the evaluation of teaching from students and colleagues.

Nominations will be evaluated by a university committee including one member from each of the degree granting colleges. Because members serving on this committee may not be experts in the nominee's field, it is important that nominations be submitted in language understandable to faculty in other disciplines.

Questions: Contact mdipietr@kennesaw.edu