

Outstanding Faculty Award

Nature of the Award. Up to two faculty members per year are honored with the Outstanding Faculty Award. Generously supported by the University Foundation, the award carries a prize of \$1700 for each recipient.

The intention of the award is to honor faculty members who have established an extraordinary record of contribution to the learning experience of their students and to their discipline. To qualify for the award, a faculty member must demonstrate (1) distinguished teaching, counseling or librarianship and (2) a distinguished record of professional accomplishment in the form of scholarly publications, creative accomplishments or service.

Eligibility. All members of the faculty (Unit 3) of California State University, Northridge – full-time and part-time faculty, faculty participating in the Faculty Early Retirement Program, and emeritus faculty – are eligible for the award. An individual may receive the award more than once, provided a period of ten years or more separates the awards and each subsequent award is based on achievements other than those recognized by an earlier award. Normally only accomplishments that have been carried out while the individual was a CSUN faculty member or a CSUN Emeritus faculty and within the past ten years qualify for consideration; however, if the nominator believes the nominee should be recognized for accomplishments beyond the ten-year period, this should be made explicit at the time of nomination.

Criteria. The principal criterion for receiving this award will be a record of superlative teaching, counseling or librarianship as evidenced by:

- a solid command of the subject
- knowledge of recent developments in the nominee's field
- creative and imaginative presentations
- the ability to engage students in the learning process
- excellent communication skills
- a concern for the welfare and future of the nominee's students

Recipients of the award must also have demonstrated their commitment to their profession by exemplary performance in one or more of the following:

- scholarship – through outstanding and professionally recognized contributions in the form of original research or other scholarly activity leading to publication
- creative activity – as evidenced by the production of a significant and acclaimed body of written works, works of art, music, dance, theatrical performances, and the like
- service – by way of noteworthy and widely recognized contributions to the University, to the larger professional community, or as a representative of the University to the community at large

In addition to the quality, quantity and overall significance of an individual's professional accomplishments, the relevance of those accomplishments to the candidate's primary responsibility (teaching, counseling or librarianship) will be of critical concern and importance.

It is critical to recognize that excellence in the primary activity alone is not sufficient justification for this award. Likewise, no amount of professional achievement – research, scholarship, creative activity or service – will substitute for the paramount requirement of a superlative record in the candidate’s primary activity. A noteworthy record in both is required.

Nominating procedure. Nominations for this award will be accepted from any interested person or organization other than the nominee – students or student organizations, fellow faculty, administrators, staff, relatives, friends, alumni. **The nominator should determine that the nominee agrees to be nominated, prior to submitting the nomination form.** A nomination requires submission of the Faculty Award Nomination Form. A letter of nomination and additional supporting materials are due one month after the nomination deadline. The nominee may also submit supporting materials. In order to facilitate review of materials by the award committee members, if using sheet protectors, please insert only one page per sheet protector.

Deadlines. The deadline for receipt of nominations is **February 21, 2014**. The deadline for receipt of supporting materials is **March 21, 2014**. All materials are to be sent to the Faculty Senate Office (Oviatt Library, Room 10; Mail Drop 8221).