

## Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Librarianship Award

**Nature of the Award.** Up to three faculty members per year are honored with the Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Librarianship Award. The award, which is generously supported by the University President's Office, carries a prize of \$1,200 for each recipient.

**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 this 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. 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.

**Criteria.** The principal criteria for receiving this award are (1) a record of superlative teaching, counseling or librarianship, and/or (2) the development and successful utilization of a major curriculum improvement project that advances teaching effectiveness at any educational level.

A record of superlative teaching, counseling or librarianship is 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

A curricular improvement project must have had at least two semesters of application in a classroom setting and must be submitted either while the project is ongoing or within one year of the completion of the project. A curricular improvement project might include the use of collaborative technology to nurture and sustain instruction, or the design and implementation of innovative technology in the form of a device, system, service or software artifact to enhance the learning experience.

In evaluating the significance of a project, the following criteria are central:

- demonstrated effectiveness
- positive impact on the learning experience
- professional recognition

**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, parents, 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).