

Teaching Excellence Awards

Description

The award is given in recognition of excellence in teaching.

Eligibility

Any full-time or part-time faculty member of the College of Arts and Sciences who is teaching one or more courses in the college is eligible. An individual may receive the award once every three years.

Supporting Materials

A list of required and recommended supporting materials is attached. It is recommended that the department chair, a senior faculty member, or the nominator assist the nominee in preparation of these materials.

Cash Prizes

Each of the three teaching awards is accompanied by a cash prize of \$1000.00, subject to the availability of funds, at the sole discretion of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and will be paid out of an account designated by the Dean which is not funded by appropriations from the State of Alabama. All cash awards will be subject to regular payroll withholding taxes and will be made through the normal payroll process.

Eligibility Caution

An individual may receive only one College award (teaching, scholarship, service, and advising) per academic year. If an individual is nominated for more than one award, s/he should decide which award s/he wants to be considered for and submit materials in support of that nomination only.

Selection of Recipients

The selection of award recipients will be made by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, based upon recommendations from the Faculty Awards Committee.

Nominations

Nominations for each award may be submitted by faculty, staff, and students in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Submission Information

Submit nominations to: Dr. Roy Ryder, Chair, Faculty Awards Committee, Dean's Office, HUMB 118, College of Arts and Science, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688. All nominations are due by **5:00 p.m., January 23, 2012.**

Nominee's Supporting Materials

Submit all supporting materials to: Dr. Roy Ryder, Chair, Faculty Awards Committee, Dean's Office, HUMB 118, College of Arts and Science, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688. All supporting materials are due by **5:00 p.m., March 12, 2012.**

Excellence in Teaching Awards

This award is given in recognition of excellence in teaching. Support materials should aid the Awards Committee in determining the quality of the nominee's teaching performance relative to other faculty in the department and the discipline.

Required

- Curriculum vitae.
- Letter of support from the faculty member's chairperson, which also includes comments on the relative performance of the nominee compared to other faculty in the department. (If the nominee is a department chair, a letter of support from an associate or full professor in the nominee's department may be substituted.)
- Four semesters of the nominee's student evaluations of teaching (or the maximum number available for newer faculty)
- A list of courses taught on a regular basis along with their average enrollments.
- Samples of syllabi, assignments, handouts, and presentations.
- Supporting letters from students and colleagues.

The nominee's materials as well as all letters of support should emphasize one or more of the following:

- Excellence in student learning outcomes
- Quality of teaching activities
- Quantity of teaching activities
- Innovations in teaching approaches
- Contributions to curriculum development
- Educational scholarship
- Extraordinary commitment and effort in the accomplishment of the program's teaching mission

Format

All materials should be submitted in a loose-leaf binder with labeled tabs between sections. A table of contents indicating included materials will be helpful. The binder should be labeled on the spine with the nominee's name.