

Title: CHSS OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

Purpose: The Outstanding Teaching Award is designed to encourage, reward, and publicly acknowledge sustained excellence in teaching by members of the College'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: The nomination pool for this award will be comprised of the faculty members who were chosen that year for their department-level Outstanding Teaching Award. Self-nominations and/or peer nominations at the department level are encouraged. Only one nominee per department is permitted for consideration for the college-level award in a given year. Any full-time permanent faculty member with a minimum of two consecutive years of service at KSU is eligible to apply for this award at the department level. The award recipient must be under contract at KSU when the award is presented. College award winners are eligible to reapply once every five years.

Recognition: A plaque and a one-course workload adjustment to be taken the following fall or spring as determined by the awardee in conversation with her/his department chair(s).

Number and Frequency of Awards: One award may be presented annually. However, if there is a lack of outstanding candidates, an award may not be granted.

Award Criteria: The College Faculty Awards 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.

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:

- A Cover page that includes the nominee's name, rank, department(s), and the award for which the materials are forwarded;
- A 3-5 page summary statement by the nominee (1 inch margins; 12-point Times New Roman font), highlighting her/his strengths and accomplishments in relation to the award criteria with emphasis given to more recent accomplishments;
- A current curriculum vita;
- A maximum of three letters in support of the nomination;
- All materials must be compiled into a single pdf document. The title of the document should be in the following format: "CHSS Outstanding Teaching Award_LastNameFirstInitial_Department." The document should be sent to the chair of the candidate's Department Awards Committee.
- Given that nominations may be reviewed electronically, candidates should ensure that their nomination document does not contain non-public proprietary or confidential information

(e.g., home address; social security number), as specified by KSU's Data Security Policy (https://policy.kennesaw.edu/sites/web.kennesaw.edu/policy/files/datasecuritypolicy_11212016.pdf)

Application Deadlines: Candidates' nominations are due to their Department Awards Committee by February 1st at 5:00pm.

Evaluation Procedure: The CHSS Faculty Awards Committee will evaluate applications for this award.