Innovation in Teaching Award for Part-time Faculty

2019

Purpose

The Innovation in Teaching Award for Part-time Faculty has been created as an annually funded teaching award for significant recent contributions to innovative teaching methods in the faculty member’s discipline. It develops from the College’s Strategic Plan and wish to recognize recent adoptions in engaging students in their own academic success (Priority 1). The award is considered a merit award and the recipient will be selected on a written nomination from the department chair or program director.

The Award honors part-time faculty who have implemented outstanding innovative teaching approaches shown by academic scholarship to increase student learning and success over the past calendar year. Innovative teaching is defined broadly and may include the use of new instructional technologies, the use of traditional technologies in creative ways, novel approaches to instruction, and new ways to formally empower students in the learning process (Priority 1).

Award and Activities

The award carries an inscribed plaque and a $500 stipend in recognition of innovation in teaching and is celebrated at the following fall Faculty Convocation.

Eligibility

To be eligible, the nominee:

- Must be a part-time faculty member teaching in a unit in the College of Arts and Sciences with two or more continuous years in good standing at UNCW;

- Must not have received a CAS Innovation in Teaching Award during the previous three (3) academic years;

- Need not be currently employed in teaching at UNCW to receive their award at Faculty Convocation following the nomination.

- The nomination comments on teaching one calendar year back from nomination deadline, so from July 1 of the previous year.

- The nomination must come from the faculty member’s department chair or program director.
Nomination Deadline

By July 1, 2019, the department chair or program director will submit a completed award nomination form to Ms. Cathy Murphy, murphyc@uncw.edu. July 1 will be the ongoing deadline for this award (or the next business day if July 1 falls on a weekend).

Selection of Recipients – Procedures

By July 1, department chairs or program directors will forward to the dean’s office, murphyc@uncw.edu, their nominations. By July 15, the dean’s office will convene a group of representative faculty to review the proposals. After consultation with the committee, the dean will announce award recipients. Awards will be distributed at the following spring CAS Faculty Convocation.

Selection of Recipients – Criteria

Evaluation of nominations will consider the degree to which the nomination demonstrates evidence of implemented outstanding innovative teaching approaches shown by academic scholarship to increase student learning and success over the past calendar year. Nomination details on related workshops attended, class observations or sample activities; course feedback from peers and students will only strengthen the nomination.
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Nominee’s name and title: ________________________________

Nominee’s unit: _______________________________________

Nominator’s name and title: ______________________________

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In a brief essay (no more than 500 words), explain why you believe that the nominee is deserving of this award.

Return electronically by Monday, July 1, 2019, to Ms. Cathy Murphy, murphyc@uncw.edu. Applications received after 5 p.m. on July 1 will be declared ineligible.
Nominator’s signature_______________________________________ Date ____________________