



CEP FACULTY AWARDS PROGRAM
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Purpose and Overview

The College of Education and P-16 Integration (CEP) is proud of its faculty's accomplishments in teaching, research, service, and continuous improvement. The CEP Faculty Awards are one way to highlight and reward faculty who excel in these areas.

The categories for the 2023-2024 Faculty Awards are:

- *Faculty Teaching.*
- *Faculty Research.*
- *Faculty Contributions in Continuous Improvement.*
- *Faculty Service.*

Each award comes with a \$1,000.00 stipend. The CEP College Council will review the nominations and provide recommendations to Dean Alma D. Rodriguez. Please note that each award must have at least two nominations for a selection to be made.



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Timeline

- December 12: Call for nominations for CEP Faculty Awards
- January 26: Deadline to submit nomination packet in a single PDF format electronically to Belinda Valles (Belinda.valles@utrgv.edu) and Javier Cavazos (Javier.cavazos@utrgv.edu).
- February 9: Deadline for CEP College Council to submit their recommendations of the top applicant for each award category to Dean Alma D. Rodriguez
- February 16: Award recipients are announced
- March 1: Recipient receives award



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A. Description, Criteria, Eligibility, and Nomination Process for Awards in Each Category

1. Faculty Teaching Award

This annual award is given to a full-time tenure-track, tenured, professor of practice, or lecturer faculty from the UTRGV College of Education and P-16 Integration for excellence in teaching. The award is designed to bring visibility to one outstanding faculty member and to reward them for leading students toward distinction in learning.

Criteria

The selection criteria are as follows:

- The nominee demonstrates innovative, creative, and/or research-based teaching practices that engage students.
- The nominee demonstrates improvement of one's own teaching (e.g., participation in professional development).
- The nominee uses teaching strategies to create a positive learning environment.
- The nominee is a mentor to students at the baccalaureate, master's, and/or doctoral levels (e.g., supervising undergraduate student research, mentoring a graduate student to prepare for their first professional role, chairing a doctoral student's dissertation).
- The nominee demonstrates effective use of technology.
- The nominee has demonstrated the impact of their teaching practices on student learning.

Eligibility

- Currently teaching
- Notable record of success (more than 3 full years in graduate, doctoral, and/or undergraduate CEP education) in educating baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, master's, and/or doctoral students.
- Must not have been a recipient of the CEP Faculty Teaching Award within the previous three (3) academic years (i.e., 2020-2021, 2021-2022, or 2022-2023).

Nomination process



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- Nominee and nominator contact information.
- One (1) letter of nomination with an overview of nominee's contributions to teaching excellence and impact on student learning as well as a description of recent teaching achievements in the past 5 years. Nomination letter should address the criteria for the teaching award and should not be longer than 2-pages, single-spaced. The nominator should address all criteria in the evaluation rubric.
- Nominee's abbreviated CV with highlighted achievements/activities in teaching in the previous five years.

2. Faculty Research Award

This award honors a faculty member whose research contributions have impacted the field, has been recognized by the professional community, and/or has demonstrated new or creative approaches to research methodologies.

Criteria

The selection criteria are as follows:

- The nominee engages in research and/or creative performance projects of high level as determined through peer review and dissemination in high quality outlets.
- The nominee balances intellectual independence (e.g., lead author on peer-reviewed publications) and collaboration on research activities.
- The nominee demonstrates that their research activities have a significant impact on the field.
- The nominee demonstrates involvement in external and internal grant submissions as a Principal Investigator, Co-Principal Investigator, Key Personnel, and/or Project Evaluator.

Eligibility

- CEP faculty member with notable record of outstanding research contributions to the field.
- Has not been a recipient of the CEP Faculty Research Award within the previous three (3) academic years (i.e., 2020-2021, 2021-2022, or 2022-2023).

Nomination Process

- Nominee and nominator contact information.



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- One (1) letter of nomination with an overview of nominee's contributions to excellence in research as well as a description of recent research achievements in the past 5 years. Nomination letter should address the criteria for the research award and should not be longer than 2-pages, single-spaced. The nominator should address all criteria in the evaluation rubric.
- Nominee's abbreviated CV with highlighted achievements/activities in research in the previous five years.

3. Faculty Service

This award honors a faculty member who draws on their professional expertise to serve the university, college, profession, and/or broader community in a variety of ways.

Criteria

The selection criteria are as follows:

- The nominee demonstrates engagement in high level academic citizenship activities. Examples include but are not limited to advising student groups; mentoring students or faculty; leadership in faculty governance; leading faculty development activities; or leading committees to the department, college, and/or institution.
- The nominee demonstrates engagement in professional/disciplinary service. Examples include but are not limited to serving in a leadership role in professional organizations, serving as editor/reviewer for scholarly journals, or serving with other institutions on accreditation and/or program evaluation teams.
- The nominee demonstrates engagement in community service such as providing creative or technical assistance to public and private organizations (e.g., schools, governmental agencies, social service agencies), making public presentations/performances for general community audiences, and/or serving on community advisory boards.

Eligibility

- CEP faculty members with a notable record of contributions in service.
- Has not been a recipient of the CEP Faculty Service Award within the previous three (3) academic years (i.e., 2020-2021, 2021-2022, or 2022-2023).



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- Nominee and nominator contact information.
- One (1) letter of nomination with an overview of nominee's contributions to excellence in service as well as a description of recent service achievements in the past 5 years. Nomination letter should address the criteria for the service award and should not be longer than 2-pages, single-spaced. The nominator should address all criteria in the evaluation rubric.
- Nominee's abbreviated CV with highlighted achievements/activities in service in the previous five years.

4. Faculty Continuous Improvement

This award honors a faculty member who draws on their professional expertise to lead the department and/or college in continuous improvement.

Criteria

The selection criteria are as follows:

- The nominee demonstrates efforts to lead the program, department and/or the college in the alignment of curriculum, assessment, and/or policies to national and state standards resulting in the attainment of national accreditation for the program and/or EPP.
- The nominee demonstrates efforts to lead activities at the program, department, or college level that result in the continuous improvement of the program and/or EPP (e.g., key assessments, curriculum mapping, master syllabi development, pilot projects, initiatives aligned with the college strategic plan).
- The nominee demonstrates efforts to lead the development of policies or other documents that result in the continuous improvement of program, department, or college processes (e.g., program handbooks, action plans).
- The nominee demonstrates efforts to lead the development or enactment of strategic planning activities at the program, department, or college level.

Eligibility

- CEP faculty member with a notable record of outstanding contributions that have led to continuous program improvement.



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- Has not been a recipient of the CEP Faculty Continuous Improvement Award within the previous three (3) academic years (i.e., 2020-2021, 2021-2022, or 2022-2023).

Nomination Process

- Nominee and nominator contact information,
- One (1) letter of nomination with an overview of nominee's contributions to excellence in continuous improvement as well as a description of recent achievements in continuous improvements in the past 5 years. Nomination letter should address the criteria for the continuous improvement award and should not be longer than 2-pages, single-spaced. The nominator should address all criteria in the evaluation rubric.
- Nominee's abbreviated CV with highlighted achievements/activities in continuous improvement in the previous five years.

B. Instructions for Preparation of Nomination Packets

Each nomination should contain all required documents in a single PDF file labeled with the nominee's last name and awards category (Cavazos_Research Award). Nominations should be sent to Belinda Valles (Belinda.valles@utrgv.edu) and Javier Cavazos (Javier.cavazos@utrgv.edu) no later than Friday, January 26th at 5pm. Nominations that do not adhere to these guidelines will be disqualified from the review process.

C. Nomination Packet

1. Cover page with the following information
 - a. Faculty Award category
 - b. Name of nominee
 - c. Current position of nominee
 - d. Number of years in current position
2. One (1) letter of nomination (no longer than 2-pages, single-spaced) addressing the selection criteria.
3. Nominee's abbreviated CV with highlighted achievements/activities in the category for which the faculty member is being nominated.

D. CEP College Council

The CEP College Council will review all applicants' information and make recommendations to Dean Alma D. Rodriguez. The College Council will:



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- Review materials and use evaluation rubrics based on selection criteria for each award.
- Only review materials that are aligned with the items above.
- Only review application packets that are complete, adhered to guidelines, and received by the deadline.
- Only review awards categories with two (2) or more nominations.
- Adhere to confidentiality during review proceedings.
- Forward their recommendations of the top candidate for each award category to Dean Alma D. Rodriguez no later than the deadline in this call for CEP Faculty Awards.