

Outstanding School of Education Faculty Member Award

Purpose of the Award

The Outstanding School of Education Faculty Member Award is intended to recognize an individual faculty member for sustained performance of excellence in teaching. Above and beyond an individual exemplary class, such sustained excellence in teaching incites intellectual curiosity in students, inspires departmental colleagues, and makes students aware of significant relationships between the College of New Jersey and the world at large.

Nature of the Award

The recipient of this award will receive a stipend and an inscribed plaque in recognition of their excellence in teaching.

Criteria of Excellence

Please nominate individuals who demonstrate most of the qualities identified below:

Intellectually demanding and rigorous

- Is thought-provoking and intellectually demanding
- Relates course material to other fields, contemporary issues, student experiences

Deeply committed to teaching and students

- Is enthusiastic about teaching
- Is conscientious, organized, and well-prepared for class
- Is concerned about individual students and their development
- Is readily available to students

Communication with students and relaying of course content

- Provides clear expectations, relevant assignments, and ample feedback
- Presents materials clearly, asks good questions, and adjusts strategies as necessary to facilitate understanding
- Engages students and stimulates participation
- Is open-minded, fair, and respectful of differences among students

Has positive and lasting impact on students

- Inspires students to excel
- Promotes critical reading, thinking, and writing
- Produces more learning than in other courses
- Affects students' educational and career goals and achievements

Eligibility for the Award

Any faculty member, full-time or part-time (but not adjunct professors) in the School of Education is eligible for this award.

Deadline for Submissions: March 2, 2015

Nominations received after this date will be considered in the following year.

Nomination and Selection Procedures

1. A 2-3 page nomination letter (12 point font, double-spaced) from any student, colleague or alumnus, identifying as many of the criteria of excellence (see above) as applies, should be sent to Corey Drake, SOE Program Assistant, in the SOE Dean's Office on or before March 2, 2015.
2. The School of Education Teaching Award Committee will select five finalists by March 13, 2015.
3. Each finalist will be invited to provide a statement about his or her teaching, a representative syllabus, and course materials including sample student products, assessments, video clips, and website links. These packets must be received by the committee on or before April 7, 2015.
4. The award recipient will be selected by the School of Education Teaching Award Committee before April 28, 2015. Runners-up will remain eligible for future awards.
5. All finalists will be honored at the award ceremony.

Note: The Committee will compare the evidence provided in the nominations against pre-established criteria for excellence in teaching. It pays particular attention to nominations from current and past students. The number of nominations cannot substitute for evidence of truly outstanding teaching.