Faculty Excellence in Scholarly Community Engagement

Purpose of the Award

This excellence award serves the following major purposes:

1. To highlight the University's commitment to engaged scholarship in teaching, engaged research/creative activities, and/or engaged service.
2. To reward faculty excellence in mutually beneficial, scholarly engaged teaching, research/creative activities and/or service.
3. To thereby promote excellence in community engagement among all TT and CT faculty.

Nature and Number of Awards

One award will be made each year. The award will be given to a faculty member who has exhibited excellence in engaged teaching, engaged research/creativities and/or engaged service. The committee will only designate an award if there are truly excellent candidates to justify such action that year.

The award recipient receives $5,000 to be shared with an identified community partner. The recipient's portrait will be displayed in Morris Library for five years. The winning partnership also represents UD in the competition for the regional W. K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards and the national C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Award. These are among the most prestigious recognitions of exemplary engaged scholarship in the United States, and also provide cash prizes, including $20,000 for the top national award.

A brick inscribed with the recipient's name will be placed in Mentor's Circle. Recipients will present brief lectures describing their work and its impact during an annual symposium. Funds for the awards will be provided by the Office of the Provost and the Community Engagement Initiative.

Criteria of Excellence

Nominees who demonstrate the following qualities as documented in their nomination materials will be considered:

1. Exemplify excellence in engaged teaching, engaged research/creative activities, and engaged service for work performed while on the University of Delaware faculty.
2. Record of engaging University of Delaware students, including members of under-represented groups, in their engaged scholarship projects.
3. Clearly recognized externally as an engaged scholar as evidenced by letters of reference and/or external awards received.
Rules of Eligibility for the Award

1. Nominees must be full-time UD faculty members. ("Faculty" refers to having either a primary or secondary appointment as an assistant professor, associate professor, or professor, both TT and CT faculty will be considered for these awards)
2. Only work performed while a member of the University of Delaware faculty will be considered.
3. Awardees in the last ten years are ineligible.
4. Self-nominations are not allowed.
5. Nominations are retained for five years and can be updated yearly with additional evidentiary materials.

Nomination Materials

A typical nomination package will consist of the following elements:

1. The candidate’s curriculum vitae.
2. A nominating letter of no more than 2 pages in length.
3. Exemplars of the candidate’s work
4. Up to three additional letters of support, which clearly indicate the impact of the candidate’s scholarly contributions to the discipline and to the community. Letters from community partners outside of the University of Delaware are particularly encouraged.
5. The nomination packet will be submitted in electronic form.

Selection Procedures

Awardees are selected by the Faculty Senate’s Committee on Student and Faculty Honors. The Committee compares the evidence provided in the nominations against pre-established criteria for excellence in engaged teaching, engaged research/creative activities and/or engaged service. The Director of the Community Engagement Initiative, or their designee, will serve as an ex-officio member of the selection committee.

Deadline for Submissions: March 1.

Please email the submission packet to Karren Helsel at karren@udel.edu. Please title the email “Faculty Excellence in Scholarly Community Engagement Award Submission.”