



PennState

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC INTEGRATION

The President's Award for Excellence in Academic Integration is given to a full-time member of the faculty of the University who has exhibited extraordinary achievement in the integration of teaching, research or creative accomplishments, and service. The award was established in 1996 to recognize faculty members who have excelled in all three areas of their professions and consists of a specially-designated certificate and a cash gift in the amount of \$3,000. Recipients of the award typically have a strong outreach component as a substantive element of their scholarship. The communities reached by faculty outreach activities are generally those not normally encountered during the performance of normal scholarly activities.

Criteria

1. The award is intended to celebrate accomplishments that are consistent with the President's goal for "Penn State to be the top University in the United States in the integration of teaching, research, and service." As such, the record of integration should, for the most part, reflect the accomplishments of the individual as a Penn State faculty member, although the entire record of achievement in a career may be considered.
2. The purpose of the Award is to recognize integration in a broad sense over the full spectrum of teaching effectiveness; research and scholarship; and service to the University, the public, and the profession; rather than narrowly focused instances of integration.
3. Nominees are expected to show a degree of excellence in each of the three separate areas of endeavor in addition to a common integrative thread that ties them together. It is, therefore, reasonable to expect that there would be some demonstrated recognition of excellence in one or more of the areas through previous citations or awards at the college, University, or national level.
4. The achievements of nominees should be of such distinction that they have already earned for them the rank of Professor, Teaching Professor, or Research Professor.

Nomination Process

The nomination packet should be constructed by the nominator, who is typically a dean or chancellor. The packet should include a curriculum vita and the nomination packet. The entire nomination packet, including the curriculum vita, should be **no longer than 30 pages and submitted as one PDF**. These items should be sent to vpfa@psu.edu by the deadline for review.

1. Curriculum Vita (often condensed)
2. Nomination Packet
 - a. Detailed letters of support indicating the nature of the candidates integrated excellence and superior teaching, research or creative accomplishment, and service
 - i. Academic Unit Head (department head, division head, school director, or DAA)
 - ii. Academic Dean or Chancellor
 - iii. Student letters and evaluations
 - iv. *Up to three letters* of support from professional colleagues in and outside the university that speak to the candidate's major achievements, especially innovative approaches developed by the nominee to engage the public--that is, constituencies that are not traditionally engaged by the discipline.