

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching to a Non-Tenure Track Faculty Member

**Purpose:**
This Award recognizes and honors outstanding achievement in teaching, research, service or other contributions to undergraduate and/or graduate education by individuals who hold full-time (75 percent or higher) academic non-tenure track appointments.

**Award:**
An award plaque and honorarium of $1,000 is presented at the Chancellor's State of the University Address in the Fall semester.

**Eligibility:**
Nominee must hold a full-time, academic, non-tenure track appointment and have at least five years of service at UMSL.

**Criteria:**
Nominees must show evidence consistent with the priorities and goals outlined in the UMSL Strategic Plan, demonstrating accomplishment and excellence in teaching, university or community service, research and scholarship, and other professional activity. Specific criteria are found by clicking on each area.

**Teaching**
The following criteria may be considered in preparing a nomination:

- An approach to teaching and assessment that engages students in the process of learning
- High standards that promote academic excellence
- Innovative and effective teaching strategies
- Efforts showing a commitment to improving teaching and learning

**University or Community Service**
Contribution and/or impact of the service provided to the University, the community (including, but not limited to civic engagement), and/or the nominee’s profession.

**Research and Scholarship**
Demonstration of sustained and superior performance in research, scholarship or other creative activity.
Submission Materials and Format:
All nominations must include the following materials:

- Cover page with name, position, academic address of nominee and nominator, and a checklist of included documents
- Nomination letter
- Curriculum vitae, including a list of courses taught
- Nominee’s statement of philosophy concerning teaching, research, or service outlining goals, strategies, methods, and outcomes. The statement should not exceed three double-spaced pages
- Evidence supporting the criteria above (additional items for nominations that focus on accomplishments in teaching). Teaching evaluations should only be included in summary form.
- Letters of support (no more than six) from students, alumni, colleagues, administrators and community leaders. Include at least two letters from students and, if appropriate for the nominee’s work, one letter from a colleague invited to observe in the nominee’s classes. Each letter should be limited to 2 pages in length.

Winning nominations will become public information and shared with the campus community. Candidates and nominators demonstrate their agreement to allow the packets to become public through the submission process. (The letters of support, individual course evaluations, and the candidate's C.V. are exempt from this public disclosure.)

Nomination Procedure:
The Senate Faculty Teaching and Service Awards Committee receives and reviews all nominations and presents its recommendation to the chancellor for final approval. The Committee requires submission through electronic format. These nominations should be a single file in MS Word or pdf format, and should be emailed to the Senate office (senate@umsl.edu) no later than 5 pm on the deadline.

Deadline for Submission:
March 24, 2017 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for submission of nomination and completed materials packet.