

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR *Teaching Excellence*

Purpose

The purpose of the President's Award for Teaching Excellence is to recognize excellence in teaching in Louisiana's community and technical colleges.

The Award

The President's Award for Teaching Excellence is awarded annually to one teaching faculty member in the LCTCS who distinctly represents the teaching excellence found at the LCTCS colleges. The award provides the recipient with a LCTCS stole and \$5,000.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants have been selected as the College Teaching Excellence Award Winner for the year.

Selection

The Selection Committee for the President's Award for Teaching Excellence shall be comprised of representatives from academic and technical education fields.

Criteria

The criteria on which the recipient is selected reflect the following:

1. Instructional Effectiveness:

- encourages active learning
- respects diverse talents and ways of knowing
- creates and offers many options for learning
- gives prompt feedback
- emphasizes time on task
- assesses student learning through documentation
- promotes a complete range of thinking skills
- integrates the acquisition of basic academic success skills and academic values into course work
- integrates technology appropriately into teaching and learning
- understands current trends and issues related to pedagogy and the discipline

2. Student Focus:

- promotes positive student relationships

- encourages cooperation among students (through group work or projects, collaborative learning communities, or other mechanisms)
- engages learners as full partners in the learning process, with learners assuming responsibility for their own choices
- communicates high expectations
- encourages personal development, work and career preparation
- creates change in learners
- engages students in activities outside of the classroom such as clubs, organizations, tutoring, field trips, or similar activities

3. Discipline Competence:

- possesses specific knowledge and skills
- maintains currency through discipline-related professional development

4. Personal Attributes:

- models life-long learning
- engages in positive working relationships with students, colleagues, departments, campuses, and/or community
- affirms and participates in shaping a college's culture (mission, vision, and values)
- demonstrates clear reasoning skills

Note: All four criteria stated above will be given equal weight by the Selection Committee.

Application Process

The completed application packet for the President's Award for Teaching Excellence must include these items (additional materials are not accepted):

- A 150-word abstract of information in the proposal; a narrative that provides compelling evidence of the nominee's excellence (maximum length is 5 pages, double-spaced, 12-point font, 1" margins all around — it is strongly recommended that the material in the narrative be organized by the four criteria presented above); a syllabus of a class taught within the last five years; and an electronic copy of a one-page letter of support from the Chancellor of the nominee's institution.
- A video featuring the nominee engaged in teaching that demonstrates aspects of the four criteria listed below. To strengthen the connection to the four criteria, the applicant should consider organizing the video by those criteria. The video must be submitted in the format specified below. Examples could include: Video of the applicants teaching or working with student(s). Maximum length is 6 minutes. [This must be submitted as a Quicktime (.mov) file.], or screen shots from an online class, copied into a MS Word document, no more than 10 pages, or text from student discussion boards, copied into a MS Word document, no more than 10 pages, or a Powerpoint/Prezi presentation.

Submission Process

- All documents (information and demonstration) are to be submitted electronically (link will be provided to the Chancellor) sent by the Chief Academic Officer of the college to the LCTCS Office of Professional Development. It must be received by 5:00 p.m. CST on Sept 7.

- Nomination packets that are incomplete, do not comply with the submission requirements, exceed the specified length, or include additional materials beyond those required will not be considered.
- Applicants should note that occasionally colleges have internal deadlines for application for this award. Be sure to check with your college to make sure you are complying with any internal deadlines or processes.

Schedule

Sept 7	Nomination packets are due to the Office of Professional Development.
Mid-Sept	The Selection Committee chooses recipient.
Fall	Awardee Announced at the LCTCS Annual Conference