The Office of the Provost is seeking nominations for the 2013 Academic Advising Award. This award is designed to honor individuals at Montana State University who have made significant contributions to academic advising.

The award will be based on the extent to which individuals use the educational process through advising to help students develop a realistic self-perception and successfully transition to the postsecondary institution. An award-winning advisor will be someone who encourages, respects, and assists students in establishing their goals and objectives.

The selection committee will evaluate nominees on the following criteria:

- Strong interpersonal skills that include a caring, helpful attitude toward advisees, faculty, and/or staff.
- Commitment to engage in developmental advising as compared to prescriptive advising.
- Skill in guiding and supporting the student’s journey and academic development.
- Reliable and consistent availability to advisees.
- Support for student progress towards graduation and career goals.
- Demonstrated outreach and initiatives to support student success.
- Participation in and support of advisor development programs.
- Perception by administrators and/or colleagues of nominee’s advising skills.

Eligibility. To be eligible, an individual must be either a current tenure or non-tenure track faculty, or a professional advisor (one whose primary responsibility is to advise students), and have been employed at MSU-Bozeman for a minimum of three years. Not eligible are current members of the selection committee.

Nominations. Students, faculty, administrators, and others who are knowledgeable about the individual’s advising expertise are invited to submit nominations online by Monday, Sept. 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Please provide the nominee’s name, department, and a brief statement as to why you feel your nominee should receive this award. Comments will be shared with the nominees. Students are especially encouraged to submit nominations. Each individual may nominate one instructor only.

Click here to submit your nomination.

Award Process. Each nominee will be informed of their nomination and will be provided with instructions for preparation of the application materials. Nominees who choose to accept the nomination will be required to provide a narrative that addresses their advising duties and philosophy. Nominees will also be asked to provide three letters of support from a variety of informed individuals who can attest to their accomplishments; at least one letter should be from a student and one from a non-student. The selection committee will evaluate the application materials and up to two award recipients will be selected.Incomplete applications will not be considered for the award.

Each recipient will be recognized through campus news media and will receive a $2,000 award.

Questions about the Academic Advising Award and application process should be addressed to Shannon Patterson or Diane Donnelly, Academic Advising Center, at advising@montana.edu or 994.3532.

TIMELINE

- Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Mon., Sept. 24, 2012.
- Nominated faculty will be notified by Mon., Oct. 1, 2012.
- All application materials from nominated instructors must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 22, 2012.
- Award recipients will be announced in late November.