The Office of the Provost is seeking nominations for the 2014 Academic Advising Award. This award is designed to honor individuals at Montana State University who have made significant contributions to academic advising.

This award will closely follow the National Academic Advising Association’s core values and the criteria for their national outstanding advising award.

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.

Eligibility. To be eligible, an individual must be either a current tenure track 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 and previous winners of the award.

Nominations. Students, faculty, administrators, and others who are knowledgeable about the individual’s advising expertise are invited to submit nominations online by Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013 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 one faculty recipient and one professional advisor recipient may be selected. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the award.

The winner(s) of the Academic Advising Award will be recognized at the 2014 Spring Convocation as well as through campus news media, and each 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 Wed., Sept. 25, 2013.
- Nominees will be notified by email by Fri., Oct. 4, 2013.
- All application materials from nominees must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 24, 2013.
- Award recipients will be announced in late November.