The Office of the Provost is seeking nominations for the 2015 President’s Excellence in Teaching Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize excellent teachers who have made exemplary contributions to instruction and student learning at Montana State University.

The nominees for these awards will be evaluated on a demonstrated, sustained performance of teaching excellence.

The selection committee will evaluate nominees on the following criteria:

- **Outstanding teaching.** Teaching is defined to include work with students at any level and in a wide variety of settings. Teaching impact includes the ability to meet student learning objectives, a student-centered approach, and/or effective assessment of student learning outcomes.

- **Evidence of superior student mentoring.** Should illustrate the nominee’s concern for student development beyond the normal expectations for academic advising.

- **Creative course, program, and/or curriculum development, and/or strategies used to keep students and instructor motivated and excited.**

- **Exemplary contributions** to the teaching profession.

**Eligibility.** All current tenure track and non-tenure track faculty who have completed a minimum of three years of teaching at MSU-Bozeman are eligible for nomination. Not eligible are current members of the selection committee and prior recipients of the President’s Excellence in Teaching Award, Presidential Distinguished Teaching Award, or Burlington-Northern Faculty Achievement Award.

**Nominations.** Students, faculty, and administrators are invited to submit nominations online by **Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014 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.

To submit your nomination, go to: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WL3WTSZ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WL3WTSZ)

**Award Process.** Each nominated instructor 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 letters of support from one former student, one faculty peer, and their immediate department or college administrator. Nominees will also be asked to address specific criteria in a Teaching and Learning Statement. The selection committee will evaluate the application materials and one award recipient will be selected. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the award.

The winner of the President’s Excellence in Teaching Award will be recognized at the 2015 Spring Convocation as well as through campus news media, and will receive a $2,500 award. The recipient will be asked to participate in a Center for Faculty Excellence program.

**Questions about the President’s Excellence in Teaching Award and application process should be addressed to Anne Angermeyer, Office of the Provost, at annea@montana.edu or 994.7136.**