2015 Teaching Innovation Award
Montana State University  •  Bozeman

The Office of the Provost is seeking nominations for the 2015 Teaching Innovation Award. The award is designed to honor faculty who have incorporated outstanding innovative teaching practices into their classes at Montana State University.

The selection committee will evaluate nominations on the evidence of innovative teaching practices that distinguish the nominee.

The selection committee will evaluate nominees on the following criteria:
- Evidence of innovative and/or novel teaching practices that have been incorporated within the past three years.
- Relative comprehensiveness of scope. The innovation must have involved changes in the way a subject is taught. For example, an activity that transpires in the course of one class period does not have the same influence as a pedagogical strategy that evolves over several class periods or an entire course.
- Measurable impact on teaching effectiveness, student success and/or retention.
- Potential or realized widespread use within or across disciplines.

Innovative practices will be expected to be grounded in best practices of the college and university teaching profession and/or the particular discipline.

Eligibility. To be eligible, individuals must be current tenure track or non-tenure track faculty who have completed a minimum of three years of teaching at MSU-Bozeman. 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 teaching innovation 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/XWS9XM8

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 asked to provide a narrative describing their innovation and how it is used in their course or specific activity. They will also be asked to submit three letters of support, one of which should be from a student enrolled in that course or activity. The selection committee will evaluate the application materials and one award recipient may be selected. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the award.

The winner of the Teaching Innovation Award will be recognized at the 2015 Spring Convocation as well as through campus news media, and will receive a $2,000 award. The recipient will be asked to participate in a Center for Faculty Excellence program.

Questions about the Teaching Innovation Award and application process should be addressed to Anne Angermeyr, Office of the Provost, at annea@montana.edu or 994.7136.

TIMELINE
- Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 24, 2014.
- Nominees will be notified by email by Mon., Oct. 6, 2014.
- All application materials from nominees must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 23, 2014.
- Award recipients will be announced in late November.