

# 2009 President's Excellence in Teaching Award

## Montana State University—Bozeman

The Teaching/Learning Committee and the Office of the Provost seek nominations for the 2009 President's Excellence in Teaching Awards. The purposes of these awards are to recognize excellent teachers, to highlight outstanding teaching methods, and to improve teaching at MSU-Bozeman.

The nominees for these awards will be evaluated based on a demonstrated, sustained performance of teaching excellence. Nominating criteria can include:

- Knowledge of subject/discipline
- Preparation and organization
- Clarity and understandability
- Enthusiasm for subject
- Sensitivity to students' needs
- Availability and helpfulness
- Quality of examinations and assessment
- Impartiality in evaluating students
- Quality of advising assistance
- Application of new technologies to enhance students' learning

Nomination deadline:  
5 pm January 23, 2009

**Eligibility.** All tenured, tenure-track, and adjunct 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 Teaching/Learning Committee, and prior recipients of the President's Excellence in Teaching Award, Presidential Distinguished Teaching Award, or Burlington-Northern Faculty Achievement Award.

**Nominating Letters.** Please send the nominating letter or e-mail to the Office of the Provost by **5:00 pm, Friday, January 23, 2009** (see address and e-mail below). Nominating letters will be shared with the nominee. Nominations may be submitted by current MSU-Bozeman students, faculty, and administrators. Students are especially encouraged to submit nominations. Each individual may nominate one instructor only. **E-mail letters of nomination are welcome at [anea@montana.edu](mailto:anea@montana.edu) or send nominating letters to:**

President's Excellence in Teaching Award Nominations  
Office of the Provost  
212 Montana Hall

**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 recommendation from three former students and one faculty peer, a letter of support from their immediate department or college administrator, and a "Teaching and Learning Statement." Nominees will be asked to address specific criteria in their statement. The Teaching/Learning Committee will evaluate the application materials and up to three award recipients will be selected. To preserve the intent and distinction of the award, there is no requirement that a recipient will be chosen each year. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the award.

Each recipient will be recognized through campus news media, and will receive a \$2,500 award. Recipients of the President's Excellence in Teaching Award will be required to participate in a Faculty Development Event sponsored by the Teaching/Learning Committee.

### TIMELINE:

- Nominations must be received in the Office of the Provost by **5:00 pm on Friday, January 23, 2009.**
- Nominated faculty will be notified by Friday, February 6.
- All application materials from nominated instructors must be received no later than **4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2009.**
- Award recipients will be selected by **Friday, March 13, 2009.**