



# Spring Convocation Award Narrative

Name: **EXCELLENCE IN ONLINE TEACHING AWARD**

Description: The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals who have provided outstanding teaching, course development, mentoring of students, and service to online education. This award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to credit or noncredit programs through inspirational online teaching. Candidates are nominated by students enrolled in online courses.

Eligibility: All tenure track and non-tenure track faculty who have taught a fully-online course during the previous academic year.

Sponsor: Office of Academic Affairs

Award Amount: \$2,000

Selection Criteria:

- Outstanding online teaching and mentoring of students
- Innovative online course, program, and/or curriculum development or innovative approach to online course delivery
- Exemplary contributions to the practice of online delivery and the teaching profession.

Nomination Materials Required: Nominations must be submitted by students and nominees are limited to faculty who have taught a fully online course during the previous academic year. Please provide a brief statement as to why you feel your nominee should receive this award. Comments may be shared with the nominee and the selection committee may ask the nominee for additional information.

The nomination statement may include information such as:

- Name of online course(s) taught by faculty and semester taught
- Effectiveness of faculty in teaching and mentoring students online
- Audiences served by this course
- Specific example of why this individual is an exemplary online teacher

- Information about why this online program is valuable and meets a need (if applicable)
- Any evidence of outstanding commitment and contribution to MSU Online
- Why you feel this individual is deserving of this award

#### Application Process:

Each nominated instructor will be informed of their nomination and will be provided with instructions for submitting their application materials. Nominees who choose to accept the nomination will be required to provide the selection committee with the following:

- Letters of support from one former student, one faculty peer experienced in online teaching, and the immediate department or college administrator
- Nominees will be asked to address specific criteria in an Online Teaching and Learning statement

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