EHA Teaching Excellence Award
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Award philosophy:
This award recognizes faculty who have evidenced unusually significant and meritorious achievement in the instruction of undergraduate and graduate students for a significant period of years. The criteria for the EHA Teaching Excellence Award are based on criteria adapted from the OSU Regents Distinguished Teaching Award. The EHA award recipient and one runner-up will serve as nominees for the OSU Regents Distinguished Teaching Award.

Award recipient will receive:
- $500 one-time award only (deposited into recipient’s professional development account)
- Recipient is announced at the EHA Excellence Awards Ceremony in May at which time they will receive public recognition of award, and an inscribed plaque.

Eligibility and nomination criteria:
- EHA Assistant Professors and above who have been full-time faculty member at OSU for four or more years (must have completed 4th year)
- Evidence of unusually significant and meritorious achievement in the instruction of undergraduate and graduate students for a significant period of years. Such achievement should be evidenced by:
  - Unusual effort devoted to ensuring the quality of the students' classroom learning experience.
  - Devote a significant amount of assigned duties to teaching for the past four years.
  - Possession of high scholarly standards for both the rigor and currency of course content and for the level of student performance with respect to these standards.
  - Available measures of the faculty member's direct impact upon and involvement with students.
  - Service as a mentor and role model to other faculty.
  - Quality of relevant information and/or nominations submitted by current and former students, including teacher evaluation forms.

Nomination materials must contain activities that span no more than the last four years and must fit into a one-inch three ring binder. The nomination binder AND a single pdf file of all nomination materials must be submitted to Janell Hamilton-Pledger. Nomination materials must include the following:
1. One nomination letter from a faculty member
2. One nomination letter from a student
3. Vitae of nominee
4. Nominee's statement on philosophy of teaching (2-page limit)
5. Chronological list of courses taught and number of students in the last four years
6. Copy of course syllabi, summary of mandated course evaluations for past
three years, summary of grading practice
7. Evidence used by faculty to gather feedback on teaching effectiveness
8. Description of the nature and extent of the nominee’s involvement with students. How does the nominee actively engage students in learning inside and outside the classroom?
9. Letters of support:
   a) One letter of support from the school head
   b) One to two letters of support from faculty members
   c) One to four letters of support from students and alumni

Nomination process & review and selection:
- Schools develop a process whereby nominations are accepted and support materials reviewed internally.
- The EHA FDRC serves as the college review and selection committee and typically requires all nominations and support materials be submitted in February. FDRC makes a recommendation for award recipient and one runner-up to the Dean in March.
- EHA recipient receives $500 (one-time award to be deposited into recipient’s professional development account), an award plaque, and recognition at the EHA Excellence Awards Ceremony in May.
- EHA award recipient and one runner-up serve as college nominees for the OSU Regents Distinguished Teaching Award from the Office of Academic Affairs in April. EHA must submit two nominees to the Office of Academic Affairs.
- OSU Regents Distinguished Teaching Award recipient receives a permanent stipend of $2,000 (with corresponding fringe benefits) and is presented a plaque at the President’s Convocation in December.

Please direct questions & nomination packets to:
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