

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi presents the annual Faculty Excellence Awards to honor activities of full-time faculty members and to provide models of excellence for fellow faculty. These awards can be presented to an individual or a team. Awards are in the following categories:

- **Excellence in Teaching Award** – Honors faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in classroom teaching and who have shown a genuine concern for students outside the classroom.
- **Excellence in Teaching Innovation Award** - Honors original, specific teaching innovations of full-time faculty members designed to improve student learning, as opposed to a more comprehensive review of an individual instructor's overall excellence in teaching. In particular, the award has been established to recognize faculty who have developed and implemented an innovative teaching project (e.g., new uses of instructional technology, new ways to engage students in the learning process, new approaches to student collaboration, or new methods for replicating the advantages of a small course in a large lecture). It has also been established to encourage the dissemination of best practices by sharing promising innovations more broadly with the faculty.
- **Excellence in Service Award** - Honors full-time faculty members who have demonstrated excellence through service to the University, to the community, and to their professions.
- **Excellence in Creative Activity Award** - Honors superior creative activities and provides models of excellence for fellow faculty. Creative contributions include, but are not limited to painting, sculpture, film, drama, musical composition, choreography, scientific discovery, an invention, poetry, a novel, creative reporting, and creative media programming.
- **Excellence in Research and Scholarly Activity** – Honors excellence in research/scholarly activities which provide models for fellow faculty and encourages faculty to continue conducting and improving their scholarly work.

Award*

The winner(s) of the Awards will be recognized annually at the appropriate award ceremony and receive a \$1,000 cash award. The first runner-up will receive a cash award of \$250 and will also be recognized at the awards ceremony. Each winner will be presented with a memento of the award.

Awardees may be asked to share their work with the broader TAMU-CC community, with other Texas A&M University System campuses, and the community at large.

* Winning entries that are comprised of teams will have monetary awards divided equally among members.

Eligibility

All (including every member of a team) candidates are required to be in at least their 5th year of full-time faculty employment with TAMU-CC at the time of application. Candidates who won the award in the previous year are not eligible for a consecutive award

Nominations

Nominations from a full range of instructional settings at TAMU-CC are encouraged. All campus faculty, students, chairs, directors, deans, and staff members may nominate individuals for these awards. Faculty self-nominations are also encouraged.

A one-page nomination form is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/dcskVsstpg> . Nominations will be reviewed by the Faculty Senate's Awards, Bylaws and Elections (ABE) Committee.

Finalists

A list of finalists will be selected and invited to submit a portfolio of documentation. The portfolio must be submitted as one digital pdf file to faculty.senate@tamucc.edu. Only complete applications will be considered. Late materials will not be accepted.

Finalist portfolios should include the following:

- abbreviated CVs for all nominees
- a 1–2-page narrative describing the nature of their creative activity using non-technical terms
- examples of creative materials (e.g., portfolio, web links, and video clips)
- a 1–2-page explanation of the conceptualization process
- evidence (not to exceed 5 pages) of the reception of creative activity, such as reviews, letters of support, peer critiques.

Selection Criteria

The Faculty Excellence Awards will be based on:

- originality
- contribution to the specific field(s)
- potential for widespread use within or across disciplines

The ABE committee will review the portfolios and send a ranked list of finalists to the Provost's Office for selection of the first and second place winners.

Timeline 2024-2025

Oct. 21, 2024: Competition begins

Nov. 20, 2024, Noon: Nomination forms due

Dec. 13, 2024: Notifications to Finalists

Feb. 14, 2024, Noon: Final applications due

April-May 2025: Awardees recognized

Questions: Please contact Faculty Senate at faculty.senate@tamucc.edu