

Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award Nomination and Selection Procedures

General Award Information

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Awards were established in 1994 to recognize and celebrate extraordinary teaching across the UNC System. Every year, one faculty member from each constituent institution receives the Teaching Award, which comes with a cash prize, a commemorative medallion, and public appreciation for great classroom practice.

Eligibility

Nominees for the Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award must:

- Hold full-time faculty status
- Have demonstrated excellent or exceptional teaching ability over a sustained period of time
- Be teaching in the academic year in which they are selected.

Nomination Procedure and Timeline

Each college/library may submit a nomination for the Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award by March 15th for a faculty member to be considered for ECU's nominee during the following fall. No college should nominate more than one person. Each college should develop its own procedures and timelines for college-level review.

Nominations should be submitted by each Dean via email to the Office for Faculty Excellence (ofe@ecu.edu) and consist of two components:

1. Letter of support: describes in detail the reason the nominated faculty member is a good candidate for the Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award
2. The nominee's current CV
3. Executive summary: prepared by nominee to include highlights of the nominee's teaching accomplishments and most heavily emphasizing recent accomplishments (5 – 7 pages maximum, can include images)
4. Personal statement: includes information such as focus, passions, impactful or emotional career achievement, future goals (Limited to 400 words)

The Office for Faculty Excellence will compile nomination materials and schedule selection committee meeting by April 15th.

The nomination pool will undergo three levels of review:

- A selection committee comprised of the following: *two* designees by the Chancellor, *two* designees by the Provost, *two* designees by the Chair of the Faculty, a designee from the Faculty Senate Academic Awards Committee, and a designee from the Office for Faculty Excellence will review the full slate of nominees and recommend 1 – 3 faculty members for consideration by the Provost. Selection committee members should bring a range of disciplines, expertise, and characteristics to the committee and shall serve for a term of one year.
- The Provost will review the finalists and provide a recommendation for a nominee to the Chancellor.
- The Chancellor will make the final determination for ECU's candidate.

The Office for Faculty Excellence will keep the nominee list, and nominations will remain active for 3 years unless requested otherwise by the college. If you have nominated anyone within the past 3 years, renomination is not required; however, additional or updated materials may be submitted with each nomination cycle.

The selected nominee will work with ECU Creative Services to develop a nomination dossier that includes: Letter of nomination from the chancellor supporting the candidate's demonstrated record of sustained pursuit of excellence in teaching; executive summary including highlights of the nominee's recent accomplishments related to the award; and the nominee's personal statement. [Note: Requirements for portfolio contents may need to be adjusted per annual guidance provided by the UNC System Office.]

The nominee's completed portfolio is due to the Office for Faculty Excellence by 5:00 pm on September 30th to be submitted by the deadline provided by the UNC System Office to be considered for the system-wide award. [Note, this deadline may be adjusted if the system office adjusts to require an earlier timeline]