CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

NEVADA REGENTS’ TEACHING AWARD

The Office of the Provost invites nominations for the Nevada Regents' Teaching Award, an annual recognition of outstanding faculty in the Nevada System of Higher Education. This prestigious award is granted to one full-time faculty member who provides instruction as their primary assignment at UNLV, UNR, or NSC, or to a DRI faculty member who provides instruction as part of their regular assignment. The winner receives a special medal and a check for $5,000. Several UNR faculty have been selected for this award over the years, including Gene LeMay, Chemistry; Meggin McIntosh, Excellence in Teaching Program; Phil Boardman, English; Gary Hausladen, Geography; Cheryll Glotfelty, English; Paul Starrs, Geography; Scott Casper, History; Tom Nickles, Philosophy; Scott Mensing, Geography; Eric Wang, Mechanical Engineering; David Ake, Music & Dance; and Eric Rasmussen, English.

To nominate a faculty member, send a formal letter of nomination to the candidate’s dean by the deadline set by the respective college. The letter should meet the following expectations set by the Board of Regents:

1. The nomination letter must address how the candidate accomplished a significant record of excellence in teaching that brought recognition to his or her institution.
2. The letter must provide clear evidence of the candidate’s ability to communicate effectively with students, impart knowledge, and/or develop skills in a manner that excites students’ interest in the subject matter as well as students’ interest in furthering their educational aspirations.
3. The letter must provide clear evidence of the candidate’s enthusiasm for assessing, revising, and updating instructional methods, materials and technologies; a willingness to attempt and revise innovative instructional activities through varied approaches, methods, materials, or technologies in an effort to create ongoing participatory/active learning in the classroom and move the state of instruction in a field to a new level or in new directions; and a recurring effort to create learning tasks (assignments, exercises, and/or exams) that encourage critical thinking/reasoning skills.
4. The letter must provide clear evidence of the candidate’s eagerness to be accessible to all students and to provide students with accurate advisement and appropriate referrals to other campus departments or to other NSHE institutions.

Deans are asked to evaluate nominations they receive and send forward those they support in ranked order. Nominations are due to the provost’s office by September 15, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. They should be submitted electronically to alissam@unr.edu. After obtaining supplementary materials from the candidates, a campus-wide committee will select one of the nominations to send forward to NSHE in October.

NEVADA REGENTS’ ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARD

The Office of the Provost invites nominations for the the UNR Academic Advisor Awards and the Nevada Board of Regents’ Academic Advisor Awards. The university award is given annually to faculty or professional staff members who have a distinguished record of student advisement. One $1,000 award for undergraduate advisement and one $1,000 award for graduate advisement are granted. In addition, the recipients of the university awards will be nominated for the Nevada Regents’ Academic Advisor Awards. The system-wide award is $5,000 each for the Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Advisors.
Full-time faculty and professional staff who have at least five years of cumulative service in the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and who provide academic advising as part of their regular assignment or who provide academic advisement as their primary assignment are eligible for the award. DRI full-time faculty or professional staff who have at least five years of cumulative service in NSHE and who provide academic advisement to graduate students at the university as part of their primary assignment are also eligible for the graduate award. Although these awards are intended for individuals, groups who have made outstanding contributions in academic advising may be recognized as well.

To nominate a faculty member, send a formal letter of nomination to the candidate’s dean, specifying the award for which the candidate is nominated, by the deadline set by the respective college. The letter should meet the following expectations set by the Board of Regents:

1. The nomination letter must address how the candidate accomplished a significant record of excellence in student advising that is worthy of recognition by the Board of Regents.
2. The letter must address clear evidence of the following:
   a. Ability to communicate effectively with students;
   b. Effective advising;
   c. Advising material or tools that the candidate developed; and
   d. The candidate’s advising philosophy.

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**NEVADA REGENTS’ SCHOLAR AWARDS**

The Office of the Provost invites nominations for the Regent’s Scholar Awards, both undergraduate and graduate. These awards recognizes one undergraduate and one graduate student who have distinguished academic accomplishments, significant leadership ability, and service contributions as well as the potential for continued success. Recipients will receive an award of $5,000.

To nominate a student, send a formal letter of nomination and the form (found at [http://www.unr.edu/provost/awards-and-grants/regents-scholar-awards](http://www.unr.edu/provost/awards-and-grants/regents-scholar-awards)) to the student’s dean, specifying the award for which the student is nominated, by September 15, 2015. The letter should address the following criteria for eligibility, set by the Board of Regents:

1. Must be currently enrolled in 9 or more undergraduate credits or 6 graduate credits in the semester in which they are nominated.
2. Must have completed 62 credits within NSHE by the spring semester (undergraduate students or must have been accepted to graduate standing by the spring semester (graduate students.)
3. Have distinguished academic accomplishments and leadership ability.
4. Have leadership and service accomplishments while a student.
5. Have the potential for continued success

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