

JIM TOWNS MENTORING PROFESSORSHIP

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the professorship is to support a full-time tenured or tenure-track member of the faculty at SFA who is actively engaged in mentoring SFA students. The professorship will assist in promoting and sustaining a mentoring culture within the university community while honoring the mentoring legacy of Jim Towns.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- 1) Professor must be a full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty member at SFASU
- 2) Professor must demonstrate active mentorship with SFASU students
- 3) Professor must show evidence of substantial involvement and investment of time with SFASU students outside the classroom
- 4) Professor must have no criminal record
- 5) Professor must be in good standing with the university and his/her respective department
- 6) Professor must demonstrate qualities of high moral character
- 7) Special attention will be paid to applicants who demonstrate the following:
 - a) Authorship and/or Co-Authorship of peer-reviewed publications and/or regional, national, or international peer-reviewed presentations addressing mentoring
 - b) Serving as faculty advisor to student organizations at SFASU
 - c) Mentoring and/or leadership outside of academia within the greater Nacogdoches community (i.e. leadership projects, community service, philanthropy)
 - d) Teaching mentoring, leadership, or other aligned courses and topics
 - e) Dedication to the SFASU community
- 8) Special consideration will be given to applicants involved in the following organizations:
 - a) Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts of America
 - b) YMCA/YWCA
 - c) The Boys and Girls Club of America
 - d) Habitat for Humanity
 - e) Upward Sports

MATERIALS FOR SUBMISSION:

Candidates can be nominated by any member of the faculty or staff at SFASU. The candidate is responsible for developing and submitting to the selection committee all supporting materials including:

- 1) Current curriculum vitae
- 2) Letter of nomination plus four (recommended) supporting letters applicable to the candidate's distinguishing mentorship from SFASU administration, faculty, staff, students, etc.
- 3) Any supporting materials that clearly address specific areas of outstanding mentorship such as publications, recognitions, etc.