

# **SFASU Foundation, Inc.**

## **Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching**

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### **HISTORY**

In 1994, the SFASU Foundation Board of Trustees, as an expression of its support for excellence in teaching, established an award to be presented to an outstanding faculty member each year in recognition of innovation and/or excellence in the area of teaching.

### **HONORS**

The recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching is presented a commemorative watch and \$1,500 check at the Foundation's annual Gala event in December. The new honoree will receive two complimentary tickets to the Gala and will be seated in a place of honor.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates for the award must be current full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty of Stephen F. Austin State University. Individuals serving on the SFASU Foundation Faculty Award Selection Committee are ineligible to receive the award.

### **MATERIALS FOR SUBMISSION**

Candidates must be nominated by the dean of their college or chair of their department for the award. The candidate is responsible for developing and submitting to the selection committee supporting materials including:

- current vita;
- letter of nomination plus four supporting letters applicable to the candidate's distinguishing career from chairs, peers, students, etc.; and
- no more than 20 one-sided or 10 double-sided pages of documentation of innovation and excellence in the areas of teaching, e.g. grant funding secured, publications, student evaluations, etc.

Years of service and/or rank will not be considered in the selection process. Upon receipt of the materials, the SFASU Foundation Faculty Award selection committee will select a number of finalists from all the candidates; each finalist then will be interviewed as the final step in the selection process.

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**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

The nominee must have a record of teaching that is distinguished. He or she should demonstrate excellence and effectiveness in the lecture hall, the classroom, the laboratory, the rehearsal hall, the studio or online in interacting with students. Innovative teaching strategies also should be documented.

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The committee will consist of the chair of the Chair's Forum, one member appointed by the SFASU Foundation Board and one chair from each college elected by the Chair's Forum. The chair of the Chair's Forum also will serve as the head of the committee.

**DEADLINES**

All materials must be delivered by the deadline stated in the attached memorandum.