



2013-14 Athens State University Foundation Teaching Excellence Award

Criteria for Teaching Excellence Award

Candidates for the Teaching Excellence Award must be full-time faculty members whose university careers are distinguished by truly outstanding performance in the classroom, and/or laboratory setting. Nominees for the award should have achieved the highest recognition from students, colleagues, and administrators in the following areas:

- superior knowledge of subject matter;
- teaching philosophy that exemplifies Athens State University's vision and mission statement and goals of the instructor's college and department;
- focus on student learning and the integration of theory & practice;
- imaginative, effective, and rigorous methods of presenting course materials and evaluating learning;
- abiding concern for students' advancement in a discipline, in the university, in the workplace, in the community;
- ability to engender and nurture values of learning such as curiosity, objectivity, enthusiasm, fairness, and critical thinking in students;
- record of producing students who by virtue of outstanding teaching, achieve great success throughout their university careers;
- Pedagogical/andragogical diligence, dedication, versatility, generosity, and creativity.

Nomination Process

- Individuals making nominations should complete the nomination form at the end of this document.
- Attach a Letter of Nomination that addresses the nominee's qualification for the award.
- Submit the form and letter to the department chair or dean of the nominee by **March 3, 2014**.
- The nominee will be notified and asked to submit the Nomination Dossier to the Associate VP of Academic Affairs no later than **March 31, 2014**. (Dossier requirements are listed below).
- Dossiers will be reviewed by the Faculty Awards Committee and the winner announced at the 2014 Athens State University Honors Convocation.

Nomination Dossier Requirements:

- The Athens State University Foundation Faculty Award - Teaching Excellence nomination form.
- Letter of Nomination (two-page maximum).
- Nominee's two-page statement which will include their teaching philosophy (two-page maximum).
- Up-to-date curriculum vitae with emphasis on instructional activities.
- Letter of support from the department chair or dean (one page maximum).
- Peer recommendations (limit of two, one-page maximum each). Recommendations must come from Athens State University faculty members with at least one coming from within the discipline.
- Letters of support from students currently enrolled at Athens State University (limit of three, one page maximum each) and from former students (limit of three, one-page maximum each).
- A summary sheet listing (1) courses taught during the past three years (identified by course number and title), (2) the terms during which those courses were taught, and (3) the number of students in each course.
- The last three faculty performance evaluations.
- A list of professional development efforts (with dates and venue) which may include professional conferences, seminars, workshops, and training sessions in his/her discipline, education in general, or on technologies and innovations used in instruction such as Blackboard, Wimba, Collaborate, etc.

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Person Making the Nomination:

Name	
Title	
College & Department	
Phone number	
E-mail address	

Nominee:

Name	
Title	
College	

Department Chair/ Dean of Nominee:

Name	
Title	

Other individuals able to provide additional information about the Nominee's performance and/or accomplishment(s):

Name	Title	College and/or Department