

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

2016 President's Awards for Risk and Innovation in Teaching

Nomination Deadline: January 15, 2016

The President's Awards for Risk and Innovation in Teaching honors faculty who have engaged in new practices that have activated long-term changes in their teaching meant to improve student learning. This year, the program will consist of up to three awards. Each recipient will receive a cash award of \$2,500 and a plaque.

Risk-taking and innovative practices may take the form of original designs or recognized high-impact practices not incorporated previously into an individual's approach to teaching. The Association of American Colleges defines high-impact practices (HIPs) as techniques and designs proven to be beneficial for student engagement and learning, while also increasing rates of retention. HIPs include, for example, first-year seminars, capstone courses and projects, and learning communities. They engage students in undergraduate research, diversity/global learning, community-based and experiential learning, co-curricular options, service learning and internships, as well as collaborative assignments and projects. In addition, they may incorporate evidence-based learning strategies, new instructional technologies, and portfolios of student work; improved evaluation and assessment; and, may build course- and program-specific teaching circles (for more information, see: <http://leap.aacu.org/toolkit/high-impact-practices>).

Nominations. All full-time and part-time faculty members who have taught for at least three years, consecutively at Wayne State are eligible to apply. Nominations must be submitted with the endorsement of a department chair or program director using the attached form. The complete nomination package should not exceed 20 single-spaced pages (not including the Professional Record). The following materials must be included:

- a letter from the nominee defining the nature of the risk-taking or innovative practice and the strategy for assessment of student learning, its contribution to his or her repertoire of teaching strategies, plans for long-term incorporation of the practice, and its potential impact on teaching at Wayne State University, as well as the pertinent discipline or field (maximum five pages)
- letters of support from the nominee's chair/director, and from faculty and students (maximum five total – at least two from faculty)
- nominee's relevant parts of a teaching portfolio: a statement of teaching philosophy; descriptions of other recent innovations in such areas as instructional design, delivery, and course management and evidence of impact on student learning.
- a summary of the Student Evaluation of Teaching data for the last three years (not the original forms)
- a current Professional Record.

Selection. Please submit each nomination and all supporting materials as a single bookmarked PDF to Veronica Williams at veronica.williams@wayne.edu by **January 15, 2016** In case of questions, contact Veronica Williams directly (veronica.williams@wayne.edu, 577- 2256).

A committee consisting of five faculty members and an undergraduate student will select recipients, chaired by the Associate Provost and Director, Office for Teaching and Learning. Awards will be announced in March, and recipients will report on what they learned from their new practices in a subsequent forum sponsored by the Office for Teaching and Learning.

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Nominee: _____

Department: _____

School/College: _____

Rank: _____

■ Department Chair / Director's Signature: _____

Date: _____

■ Dean's Signature: _____

Date: _____

■ Nominee signature (accepting this nomination): _____

Date: _____

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