

OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

Purpose

The Teaching Award recognizes individuals who have made contributions to teaching that are creative, innovative and effective through undergraduate, graduate, extension or continuing education programs. This award symbolizes the College of Design's commitment to teaching and learning. Students should be interpreted to include individuals enrolled in formal course work, as well as individuals participating in informal/non-formal educational settings such as extension educators, or other professionals participating in training or targeted programming.

Eligibility

Tenured and tenure-track faculty on A or B (12- or 9-month) appointment, adjunct and term faculty, lecturers, senior research/research associates, fellows, and specialists, and P&A staff in the College of Design who are presently participating in undergraduate, graduate, extension, or continuing education teaching.

Evaluation Criteria

Successful nominees should demonstrate evidence of:

- Highly innovative and effective teaching in the context of the individual's field
- Continual efforts to be an outstanding teacher
- Effective communication strategies and skills
- The ability to create learning environments that inspire intellectual curiosity and encourage diverse viewpoints
- The ability to stimulate students' intellectual growth, critical thinking, and personal development
- The ability to link research and service scholarship firmly with the classroom

OUTSTANDING OUTREACH AWARD

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Purpose

The Outreach Award recognizes outreach, engagement or disciplinary service scholarship by individuals and/or teams within or across disciplines that have addressed a critical civic, economic, environmental, health, social, or other related issue in Minnesota, the nation, or the world.

Eligibility

Tenured and tenure-track faculty, adjunct and term faculty, lecturers, senior research/research associates, fellows, specialists, P&A staff, or civil service/bargaining unit staff presently participating in outreach/engagement/disciplinary service scholarship.

Evaluation Criteria

Successful nominees should demonstrate evidence of:

- Evidence of applying knowledge to address a critical community problem or need
- The ability to link research, discovery or the creative process and teaching scholarship to the engagement effort
- Impact on the people of Minnesota, nation or world through improved skills, policies or professional practice
- The ability to work collaboratively with community partners
- Excellence in leadership to effect change

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

Purpose

The Research Award recognizes research/discovery scholarship and the creative process by individuals and/or teams within or across disciplines that have contributed to new knowledge and understandings within one or more of the central fields in the College of Design.

Eligibility

Tenured and tenure-track faculty, adjunct and term faculty, lecturers, senior research/research associates, fellows, specialists, P&A staff, or civil service/bargaining unit staff presently participating in research/discovery activities or the creative process as a formal part of their position.

Evaluation Criteria

Successful nominees should demonstrate evidence of:

- Significant contributions to the discovery and advancement of new knowledge in the field, as evaluated by peers
- Use of newly-developed, advanced techniques and ethical methods in discovery that contribute to or can be applied to the solution of major research problems in the field
- The ability to conduct discovery scholarship or creative production that has been recognized nationally and internationally as well as within the College and the University
- Active support of new researchers (junior faculty, graduate students, undergraduates.)
- Contributions to a better understanding of complex issues central to the mission of the College of Design

OUTSTANDING CIVIL SERVICE/BARGAINING UNIT AWARD

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Purpose

The CS/BU Award recognizes civil service and bargaining unit staff who have demonstrated excellence and professionalism in their overall performance and who have made meaningful contributions to their unit and/or the College and University.

Eligibility

College of Design permanent civil service/bargaining unit staff with at least a 75 percent appointment and not involved in teaching, research, or outreach/service. Nominees must have a minimum of one year of continuous service in the college.

Evaluation Criteria

Successful nominees should demonstrate evidence of:

- Contributions in their unit and/or the College and University in addition to routine duties
- High professional standards
- Innovative ideas or problem solving abilities
- Excellence in their positions while promoting and supporting the work of their unit(s) and/or the College

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE AWARD

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

Purpose

The P&A Award recognizes academic/professional personnel and administrative personnel for outstanding achievement in furthering the mission and goals of their unit(s) and/or the College of Design

Eligibility

College of Design P&A staff holding at least 75 percent time appointments and not involved in teaching, research, or outreach/service. Nominees must have at least one year in a P&A position in the College of Design.

Evaluation Criteria

Successful nominees should demonstrate evidence of:

- Excellence in leadership, innovative ideas, and/or problem solving abilities.
- High professional standards

- Excellence in their positions while promoting and supporting the work of their unit(s) and/or the college

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

Purpose

The Undergraduate Student Award recognizes exceptional leadership and academic accomplishments of current undergraduate students in the College of Design.

Eligibility

Current undergraduate student in the College of Design.

Evaluation Criteria

Successful nominees should demonstrate evidence of:

- Providing leadership to the college and/or community.
- Heightening awareness and understanding of their discipline in the university and/or society.
- Service or support making a positive difference in the lives of individuals, community, the college, its professions or the interaction between them.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

Purpose

The Graduate Student Award recognizes exceptional leadership and academic accomplishments of graduate students in the College of Design.

Eligibility

Current graduate student in the College of Design.

Evaluation Criteria

Successful nominees should demonstrate evidence of:

- Providing leadership to the college and/or community.
- Heightening awareness and understanding of their discipline in the university and/or society.
- Service or support making a positive difference in the lives of individuals, community, the college, its professions or the interaction between them.

NOMINATION DOCUMENTATION

Successful nominations will document how the experiences of the nominee meet the criteria of the award. It is strongly suggested that the letters specifically address the criteria in the order they are listed. Document so that nominations can be read and understood by individuals who are not specialists in the nominee's field. Efforts of the nominee to address the diverse background of students should be noted within the context of these supporting documents. One complete electronic PDF set and one paper set, in 12 point font, of the following documentation are required:

- A nomination letter of no more than three pages advocating for and interpreting the case for why this nominee's accomplishments are outstanding relative to others in the field, by specifically addressing the award criteria (including specific examples.)
- No more than a total of two letters from students, faculty, instructors, staff, peers, or alumni, which demonstrate how the nominee meets the criteria for the award (make sure the relationship between letter writer and nominee is clear). Each letter should be no more than two pages.

If necessary, the Committee may request further information from the nominee or department before a final decision is made.

Selection Process

The recipient of this award will be recommended by the College Honors and Awards Committee. The dean's council will make the final decision.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations are due in 32 McNeal Hall or 101 Rapson Hall no later than March 3, 2009. For further information, please contact Laura Walton, 612-626-6385.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

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In pursuit of a more inclusive community, we solicit your support in making sure that all persons who meet award criteria be given the same opportunity as others to compete for an award. All members of the college community are encouraged to be open minded and to place in nomination all who qualify regardless of race, creed, color, religion, gender, age, marital status, disability, or sexual orientation. Our committee believes that encouraging inclusiveness in award giving is a small step toward generating a more positive climate and a sense of contribution and belonging within the college and University community. Your support is appreciated.