

The Temple University Great Teacher Award

Purpose

In March 1988, the Board of Trustees established the "Temple University Great Teacher Awards." In 2006, three faculty members will be recognized for their continuous excellence in teaching. Each award carries a stipend of \$15,000, and a commemorative sculpture by Professor Stanley Lechtzin of the Tyler School of Art. In addition, each recipient's name is engraved on the wall of the Founder's Garden. The awards are presented at a special convocation which honors individual winners and their contributions to Temple's tradition of teaching excellence.

Eligibility

The Great Teacher Award is open to all full-time University faculty who meet the criteria stated below. No faculty member may receive this award more than once.

Criteria

Nominees for the award are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Internal and external recognition of teaching excellence and creativity primarily by students as well as by teaching colleagues in the form of an external or internal University award such as a Lindback or other School/College teaching award.
- Long term commitment to excellence and originality in teaching at Temple University, as demonstrated by:
 1. Mastery of the subject area;
 2. Development of effective and innovative methods and materials for teaching university students;
 3. Continuous efforts to evaluate and improve one's own teaching;
 4. Development of new courses; and modalities of instruction;
 5. Academic and professional achievements of students;
 6. Effective relationships with students;
 7. Prior recognition for outstanding teaching (such as a Lindback or College Teaching Award.)

Nomination Procedures

A department may present one nomination per year from among its eligible members, or an eligible faculty member may be nominated by a signed petition as described below:

- Departmental Nomination
Each department establishes its own nominating procedures. The procedures should specify how departmental faculty identify and select nominees for the award, and how students participate in the process.
- Petition Nomination
An individual faculty member may be nominated directly to the Awards Committee (with the candidate's permission) with a petition signed by twelve

students, faculty, or alumni(ae). Multiple letters of support usually carry more weight than a single letter.

- Re-Nomination
Candidates not selected for the award may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

Nomination Packets

Please submit all materials in a tabbed binder. The contents of the binder must include:

- A letter of nomination written by a representative of the committee involved in selecting the nominee. The letter of nomination should speak to each of the criteria above;
- The nominee's curriculum vita;
- A statement of the nominee's teaching philosophy;
- A chronological list of all courses taught by the nominee since coming to Temple;
- Teaching evaluation summaries for the past 3 to 5 years;
- Written reports of peer evaluations of teaching and/or evidence of skillful direction of graduate student research; effective supervision of research students; and/or skill in leading seminars/presentations/workshops;
- Testimonials and/or letters of recommendation from past or current students, alumni, colleagues. Such letters must be solicited by an individual other than the nominee and should be sent directly to the nominee's department;
- Other documents and materials that have direct bearing on the nominee's teaching achievements.

Schedule

The time schedule for submitting and reviewing nominations is set forth below:

October 2008

A University-wide announcement is made to solicit nominations for the award.

December 1, 2008

Nomination packets are due in the Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs in 350 Carnell Hall. Early submissions will be appreciated by the Awards Committee.

December 1, 2008 through February 6, 2009

The Great Teacher Awards Committee conducts its review and informs the President of its recommendations. The President then informs the awardees, and later the public.

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