**West Virginia State University Faculty Awards**

The WVSU faculty awards are designed to recognize faculty members who have served the University with distinction and have an outstanding record of achievement in teaching, research or creative endeavor, and service as stated by the faculty handbook. With the recognition comes a responsibility to demonstrate sustained excellence in teaching, research/creativity, and service and increase the leadership role faculty members take at WVSU. The committee will only review the nominations and applications submitted before the deadline and follow the guidelines provided below.

The committee reserves the right not to give an award in any category.

**WVSU Teaching Award**

Award Description: The WVSU Teaching Award honors Faculty for extraordinary contributions to the University through excellence in the classroom. The award celebrates teaching that is rigorous, innovative, promotes intellectual curiosity, and is permanent in its effect. It honors Faculty whose love of learning, creativity, and dedication to their students make them highly effective teachers and mentors.

Award Criteria: The WVSU Teaching Award honorees will be selected in accordance to the following criteria:

* A record of outstanding teaching;
* Employment of a pedagogical approach that is innovative, intellectually rigorous, creative, and engaging;
* A record of contributing to the intellectual life of the University.

Standards of Excellence:

* The nominee is intellectually demanding and rigorous;
* The nominee employs an innovative approach to teaching in order to engage students, stimulate student participation, and to facilitate learning;
* The nominee is deeply committed to teaching, conscientious, well-prepared for class, and adjusts teaching strategies to meet the needs of their classes;
* The nominee is concerned about individual students and their development and inspires students to excel both inside and outside of the classroom;
* The nominee serves as a positive influence on students’ educational and career goals, as well as their achievements.

Eligibility: To be nominated for the award, the faculty member must meet the following criteria:

* The nominee must be a full-time faculty member of the WVSU faculty;
* The nominee must have taught at WVSU in a full-time faculty position for a minimum of three years;
* The nominee may not have received the award in the last five years
* The nominee must meet the award criteria and standards of excellence.

Nomination and Selection Process:

* All faculty, staff, students, parents, administrators, and alumni are encouraged to nominate faculty members who have met the requirements for the award;
* Nominations must be made in writing and must clearly state the basis for the nomination;
* Nomination letters (2 pages maximum) must be submitted to the Awards Committee at facultyawards@wvstateu.edu
* Nominees will be notified by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and those who wish to be considered further must accept the nomination in writing and submit a personal statement (2 pages maximum) addressing the following areas for evaluation to the Executive Committee by the date specified:
  + Written statement of teaching philosophy
  + Explanation of Record of Outstanding Teaching Including
    - Development of co-curricular activity
    - Experiential Learning
    - Innovative Resources, etc
    - Anything else you would like to have considered
  + Evidence of teaching excellence
* Complete nomination packets are reviewed by the Awards Committee;
* Four faculty nominees will be selected as finalist and through an in class observation by 1 or 2 members of the Awards Committee who are not members of the nominee’s department.
* The award will be given out at the August General Faculty Meeting
* The 5 most recent recipients of the award comprise the rolling members of the selection committee.

Nomination Due Date: February 15, 2020

Application Due Date: March 15, 2020