

University of Kentucky

2021 Outstanding Teaching Awards

The Outstanding Teaching awards were established by the Provost to reward and encourage excellence in teaching. There are two categories of faculty awards and a teaching assistant award. The following explains the types, number of awards, criteria, nomination procedure and timeline.

Category One Faculty Award

Purpose: To recognize regular and special-title series faculty for outstanding teaching performance

Nature of the award: Cash award, appropriate plaque and other accolades

Number of Awards: Up to three awards

Criteria: Evidence of outstanding performance as a teacher, as documented by students and peers - cannot have received this award in the past 8 years

Category Two Faculty Award

Purpose: To recognize lecturer and clinical title series faculty for outstanding performance in the classroom, laboratory, or clinical settings

Nature of the award: Cash award, appropriate plaque and other accolades

Number of Awards: Up to three awards

Criteria: Evidence of outstanding performance in the classroom, laboratory, or clinical setting as documented by students and peers- cannot have received this award in the past 4 years

Teaching Assistant Award

Purpose: To recognize teaching assistants for outstanding performance in the classroom or laboratory

Eligibility: Teaching assistants with at least two semesters of teaching assistantship experience

Nature of the award: Cash award, appropriate plaque and other accolades

Number of Awards: Up to three awards

Criteria: Evidence of outstanding performance in the classroom and/or laboratory, as documented by faculty and students - recipients may receive this award one time.

2021 Outstanding Teaching Awards Guidelines for Submitting Nominations

Step 1: Nomination

- Deadline for faculty, staff and students to submit a one-page initial nomination letter to the faculty member's department chair is 4:00 p.m. **Friday, February 19, 2021**. All submissions are to be made electronically.

Step 2: Department Chair (or appropriate unit director) Submits the Formal Recommendation

- A department chair or senior faculty member, familiar with the candidate's teaching performance, should prepare a two-page (maximum) formal recommendation. The formal recommendation should include specific examples of the accomplishments and qualities that make the nominee a model of teaching excellence. (Inclusion of information about teaching innovations and strategies enacted in response to COVID are welcome but not required.)
- Submit materials **electronically** to the Office of the Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement. The deadline for chairs to submit these materials is 4:00 p.m. **Friday, March 5, 2021**. Email all materials to jmhayn0@uky.edu. Please place the following in the subject line: **Outstanding Teaching Awards**
- Please note: Use your **UK** (...@uky.edu) email account to ensure our receipt of nomination materials.

Step 3: Selection of Finalists

- The Selection Committee will review all nominations and select preliminary finalists in each category. The Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement will notify finalists on or before **Friday, March 19, 2021** to request a teaching award packet.

Step 4: Submission of Teaching Award Packets

- Each preliminary finalist and their department chair or appropriate unit director (or designee) will be asked to prepare an **electronic** teaching award packet. Details about this packet will be sent to the preliminary finalists as explained above. The teaching award packets are to be submitted to jmhayn0@uky.edu by 4:00 p.m. **Friday, April 2, 2021**. Please place the following in the subject line: **Outstanding Teaching Awards**

Step 5: Recommendation to Provost

- Upon review of the teaching award packet, the Selection Committee will recommend recipients to the Provost by **Monday, April 12, 2021**.

Step 6: Award recipients will be notified by the Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement by 5:00 p.m. **Friday, April 16, 2021**.

The award recipients will be honored at a formal ceremony and receive their awards at the Faculty Awards Ceremony, which will be held during the Fall 2021 semester. Details to come later.

2021 Outstanding Teaching Awards Selection Criteria

- Teaching Philosophy
- Scholarship
- Innovation (curricular or teaching)
- Previous Teaching Awards or Recognitions
- Mentoring/Advising Awards or Recognitions
- Recognition from Peers
 - Local
 - Regional, National
- Details on Courses
 - Breadth and number of classes taught
 - Teaching assignments/experience
- Impact Beyond Classroom
 - Impact on department/college/unit
 - Regional, national, or international
- Demonstrational Commitment to a Diverse Learning Environment
- Student Aspects
 - Ability to engage students
 - Ability to instill critical thinking skills
 - Mentoring/advising
 - Student impact and learning legacy
 - Student teaching evaluations (Quantitative and Qualitative)
- Personal Aspects
 - Knowledge about subject
 - Passion, enthusiasm, creativity
 - Respect for students
 - Commitment

