President’s Award for Teaching Innovation and Excellence
AY 2015/2016

Purpose of Award
The President of California State University San Marcos initiated this award to encourage innovation and excellence in teaching that results in students developing the knowledge, skills, and disposition appropriate to the academic discipline. This award seeks to recognize and reward faculty who introduce innovative techniques, methodologies, exercises, methods of delivery, and/or technologies in teaching.

2015/2016 Timetable:
October 8 (8:00am)   Deadline for nominations
October 28 (8:00am)   Deadline for dossier submissions
November 16   Committee recommendations due to President Haynes
December 15   Award announcement
January 21, 2016   Faculty and Staff Award Ceremony

Eligibility
All current tenure and tenure track faculty members are eligible.

Nomination Process
Faculty shall be nominated for this award by students who are not currently enrolled in any of their courses and alumni who have graduated within the past year.

Nomination letters should be submitted electronically to the committee through the presidential staff liaison (Susan O’Connor at: soconnor@csusm.edu). Please include the name of the award in the email’s subject line. All nominees will receive copies of their nomination letter(s).

Student Nomination letters should:
1. Include the student’s name, student ID number, major, email address and telephone number.
2. Include the name and department of the faculty member being nominated.
3. Include information on the course(s) completed with the faculty member, including name, course number, semester and section (if applicable) or information on the nature of the interaction with a non-instructional faculty member.
4. Be between 100-500 words in length.
5. Address the award criteria listed below.

More specifically nominations letters should:
1. Discuss the innovation in teaching and what is new or different about the faculty member’s teaching methodology, techniques or delivery;
2. Describe how this innovation contributed to the student’s development of the knowledge, skills, and disposition appropriate to the academic discipline.

Nomination letters must show clear and convincing evidence of innovative and excellence in teaching.

Faculty who are nominated will be contacted by the Office of the President and encouraged to accept the nomination. Nominees will receive copies of their nomination letter(s).
The University and Associated Students, Inc. shall publish a request for student to nominate faculty for this award. Faculty members are also encouraged to contact students who may wish to nominate them. Students must submit their nominations by the deadline in the form of a detailed letter that addresses the criteria below. All nominations letters must be submitted electronically.

Award Criteria
Many faculty members investigate, test and refine a wide variety of new and innovative means in order to improve student learning and retention of learning. The purpose of this award is to recognize a single outstanding member of the faculty whose exceptional innovations in teaching provide a worthy example of the collective work of faculty in experimenting with new teaching methods that produce significant student learning. The award also serves as a means to highlight the collective work of faculty in innovative pedagogies that improve teaching and learning at CSU San Marcos.

Dossier
Accepting the nomination requires the faculty member to submit a small dossier to the committee.

The dossier should be submitted electronically and consist of:
1. A narrative essay of 500-750 words describing their teaching philosophy and innovative pedagogy;
2. A complete vita or resume; and
3. An optional appendix of up to three items of supporting evidence with a maximum of 30 pages. Appendices must be submitted electronically.

Selection Process
The Selection Committee should consist of:
1. One member of the Academic Senate Executive Committee;
2. One academic administrator selected by the Provost;
3. One faculty member selected by the President;
4. The faculty member who is the immediate past recipient of the award (or designee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate); and
5. One student selected by ASI.

Committee members will review nominations, dossiers, and recommend up to two faculty members whose teaching has demonstrated the most innovative approaches to improve student learning. The President will make the final decision based upon the Selection Committee's recommendations.

An announcement to the campus community will be sent after the President has selected the recipient of the award. The awardee will be recognized at the January 21, 2016 Faculty and Staff Awards Reception and will receive a $2,000 privately funded award.

Submission/Information Contact
Nominations, applications and all questions should be directed to Susan O’Connor in the Office of the President. She can be reached by phone at 760-750-4036 and by email at soconnor@csusm.edu.