



President's Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity  
AY 2017/2018

Purpose of Award

The President of California State University San Marcos has initiated this award in recognition of the scholarship and creative activity among faculty. This award seeks to recognize and reward faculty whose scholarship and/or creative activity contributes significantly to their fields. Faculty members are encouraged to nominate those whose research or creative activity is judged as particularly valuable contributions to a field of study.

2017/2018 Timetable:

October 9 (8:00am)	Deadline for nominations
October 26 (8:00am)	Deadline for dossier submissions
November 14	Committee recommendations due to President Haynes
December 18	Award announcement
January 18, 2018	Faculty and Staff Award Ceremony

Eligibility

All current tenure and tenure track faculty are eligible.

Nomination Process

Faculty may be nominated by their peers or self-nominate.

Nomination letters should be submitted electronically to the committee through the presidential staff liaison (Susan O'Connor at: [soconnor@csusm.edu](mailto: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).

Faculty Nomination letters should:

1. Include the nominating faculty member's name, department, and email address.
2. Include the name and department of the faculty member being nominated.
3. Be between 100-500 words in length.
4. Address the award criteria listed below.

Faculty who are nominated will be contacted by the Office of the President and encouraged to accept the nomination.

Award Criteria

All faculty members conduct original or applied research and/or other scholarly and creative activities to stay current within their fields and to improve the teaching mission of the CSU. Faculty members also regularly publish or otherwise make their work public in order to advance knowledge in a discipline or to provide other significant contributions beyond this campus. The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding member of the faculty whose exceptional merit in scholarly and creative activity provides a worthy example to peers. The award also serves as a means to highlight the collective work of the faculty in conducting significant research that improves teaching and learning at CSU San Marcos and beyond.

### Dossier

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

The dossier should be submitted electronically and consist of:

1. A narrative essay of up to 1000 words.
2. A complete vita or resume.

Specifically, the applicant's essay should:

1. Highlight and discuss important, meaningful, and unique contributions of the research/creative activity in terms of impact on academic fields and the community.
2. Explain how the research/creative activity is incorporated in the classroom and advances the teaching mission of CSUSM.
3. Relate what aspect of the scholarly/creative work was accomplished in the previous academic year.

Nominees may also address, when appropriate, any student participation in the research or creative activity.

### Selection Process

The Selection Committee will 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; and
4. The faculty member who is the immediate past recipient of the award (or designee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate).

Committee members will review nominations, dossiers, and recommend two faculty members explaining the reason for their recommendations to the President. The President will make the final decision based upon the Selection Committee's recommendations.

The single criterion for this award is the significance of the faculty member's scholarly or creative contributions to their discipline. The Selection Committee shall recommend up to two faculty members whose scholarly and/or creative activity has the greatest impact, value, or significance to their field. While it is difficult to rate several highly creative or scholarly activities on the basis of "greatest" impact, this is the challenge of the Selection Committee.

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 18, 2018 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](mailto:soconnor@csusm.edu).