



TEACHING INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE AWARD

PURPOSE OF AWARD

The Dean of College of Education, Health, and Human Services (CEHHS) at California State University 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 innovation techniques, methodologies, exercises, methods of delivery, and/or technologies in teaching.

TIMELINE:

November 1: Extended to November 15:	Deadline for Nominations
December 15:	Deadline for each unit to submit the names of the Award Review Committee (ARC) to the Dean's Office
February 1:	Deadline for Dossier Submission
March 1:	Deadline for the ARC recommendations due to the Dean's Advisory Council
May 1:	Award Announcement

ELIGIBILITY

All current tenured and/or tenure track faculty members are eligible.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Faculty are nominated for this award by department chairs/school directors, other tenured and/or tenure line faculty, students who are not currently enrolled in any of the nominee's courses, or by self-nomination.

The first and last name of the nominee should be submitted to the Dean's Office staff. Please include the name of the award in the email's subject line. Faculty members who are nominated will be notified by the Dean's Office and encouraged to accept the nomination.

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 in CEHHS and at CSUSM.

DOSSIER

Accepting the nomination requires the faculty member to electronically submit a small dossier to an Award Review Committee (ARC) through the Dean's Office staff.

The dossier should be submitted electronically and consist of:

1. A narrative essay of 500-750 words (no more than 2 pages)
2. A complete curriculum vita
3. Up to three items of supporting evidence

Specifically, the applicant's essay should:

- Describe their teaching philosophy and pedagogical strategies
- Explain how their teaching meets the needs of CSUSM students
- Explain how their work addresses the mission of the university and the college

SELECTION PROCESS

The department chairs/school directors will convene an ARC to review dossiers and make recommendations to the Dean's Advisory Council. The ARC should include at least 3 faculty members (may include lecturers), and no more than 1 faculty member from each department (if applicable).

Each school within the college will nominate one faculty member for the award explaining the reason for their recommendations to the Dean's Advisory Council by March 1. The Dean's Advisory Council will receive the nominees and make the final decision. The Dean will announce the recipient of the award to the community by May 1.

SUBMISSION/INFORMATION CONTACT

Nominations, applications, and all questions should be directed to Melinda Jones in the Dean's Office. She can be reached by phone at 760-750-4291 and by e-mail at mjones@csusm.edu.

AWARD & RECOGNITION

The recipient of the award will be recognized at the CEHHS Annual Recognition Ceremony in early May.