

The Kerri Mowen Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Award

The Kerri Mowen Excellence in Research and Creative Activity Faculty Mentor Award will honor individuals who, during their time at California State University San Marcos, have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in increasing the participation of undergraduate students in research and creative activities above and beyond the classroom.

The award recognizes faculty (including lecturers) who have mentored and guided a considerable number of students in research or creative activities, and/or faculty who have impacted the environment of the department, college, or university to significantly increase the number and diversity of students engaged in research and creative activities. It is important to indicate in the nomination materials how the individual's work resulted in departmental and/or institutional change in terms of engaging students. This can be documented with quantitative data and/or demonstrated through letters of endorsement from students and colleagues. Such commitment and extraordinary effort may be demonstrated by:

- The number and diversity of students mentored
- Assisting students in disseminating their work, securing funding, and providing career guidance
- Providing students with the support, encouragement, and essential life skills that will ensure their success beyond CSUSM
- Continued interest in students' professional development

Faculty Mentor Award: Recipients will receive a monetary prize, and recognition at the celebration event at the Annual Student Poster Showcase.

Nomination Procedures

Letters of nomination may be submitted by faculty, staff, students, or community partners. Self-nominations are accepted. Letters of nomination should describe the ways in which the nominee reflects the intent of the award including scholarship, mentoring effectiveness, and community building. Nomination letters should be submitted electronically to the committee through the Office of Graduate Studies and Research: ogsr@csusm.edu. Please include the name of the nominee and the award in the email's subject line. *Ex.* "First Last Name, Kerri Mowen Excellence Award." **Nomination letters are due October 15, 2021**, and the award will be made at the 2021 Student Poster Showcase on November 9, 2021.

Faculty who are nominated will be contacted by the Office of Graduate Studies and Research and encouraged to accept the nomination. Accepting the nomination requires the faculty member to submit a small electronic dossier to the committee. The nominee will provide:

- A narrative summary of the actions that form the basis of the nomination, including the number of undergraduate and graduate students mentored, number of underrepresented students mentored, and a description of mentoring activities (250-300 words or less)

- A complete curriculum vita
- An optional appendix of up to three (3) items of supporting evidence with a maximum of 10 pages. Evidence of the candidate's impact on student success may include (but is not limited to): lists of students in graduate school or who have secured positions reflective of their work with the mentor at CSUSM; exemplars of students' presentations, exhibits, or awards; statements of impact from students; etc.