



**President's Award for Teaching Innovation and Excellence  
AY 2021/2022**

Purpose of Award

This award recognizes innovation and excellence in teaching that results in students developing the knowledge, skills, and disposition appropriate to the academic discipline. It also seeks to recognize and reward faculty who introduce innovative techniques, methodologies, exercises, methods of delivery, and/or technologies in teaching.

2021/2022 Timeline

October 11	Deadline for nominations
November 1	Deadline for dossier submissions
November 23	Committee recommendations due to President Neufeldt
December 16	Award announcement
January 20, 2022	Faculty and Staff Award Ceremony

Eligibility

All current tenure and tenure track faculty members are eligible.

Nomination Process

Faculty are nominated for this award by colleagues or department chairs/program directors; 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 Office of the President; [pres@csusm.edu](mailto:pres@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).

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

Student Nomination letters should:

1. Include the student's name, student ID number, major, and email address.
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.

Students must submit their nominations by the deadline in the form of a detailed letter that addresses the criteria below.

Faculty nomination letters should be submitted electronically and:

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.

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.

Faculty who are nominated will be contacted by the Office of the President. Nominees will receive copies of their nomination letter(s).

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#### Award Criteria

Many faculty members investigate, test and refine a wide variety of new and innovative means 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 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 a designee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate); and
5. One current CSUSM student appointed by Associated Students, Inc.

Committee members will review nominations, dossiers, and recommend a faculty member 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 recommendation.

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 Faculty and Staff Awards Ceremony and will receive a \$2,000 privately funded award.

#### Submission/Information Contact

Nominations, applications, and all questions should be directed to the Office of the President; by phone at 760-750-4040 and email at [pres@csusm.edu](mailto:pres@csusm.edu).