



President's Award for Teaching Innovation and Excellence

2024-2025 Guidelines and Call for Nominations

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

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

ELIGIBILITY

All current tenure-track and lecturer faculty members are eligible.

TIMELINE

SEP 03	OCT 07	OCT 28	NOV 22	DEC 13	JAN 16, 2025
• Call for nominations	• Deadline for nominations	• Deadline for dossier submissions	• Selection Committee recommendation due to the President	• Award announcement	• CSUSM Awards & Service Celebration

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

Student Nomination letters should:

1. include a completed Award Nomination Cover Page.
2. 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.
3. address the award criteria listed below.
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:

1. include a completed Award Nomination Cover Page.
2. address the award criteria listed below.
3. be between 100-500 words in length.

More specifically, nomination 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).

Nomination letters should be submitted electronically to the selection committee through the Office of the President, presidentialawards@csusm.edu. *Please include the name of the award in the email's subject line.*

SELECTION 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 electronically submit a small dossier to the committee through the staff liaison, presidentialawards@csusm.edu. The dossier should consist of:

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

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection committee is composed of the following members:

1. One faculty member chosen by the President
2. One academic administrator chosen by the Provost
3. One current CSUSM student appointed by Associated Students, Inc.
4. A member of the Academic Senate Executive Committee
5. A lecturer faculty member appointed by the Academic Senate
6. The faculty member who is the immediate past recipient of the award (or a designee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate)

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

An announcement to the campus community will ensue after the President has selected the award recipient. Recognition of the honoree will take place at the CSUSM Awards and Service Celebration, and they will receive a \$2,000 privately funded award and a plaque.

The award criteria and process shall be reviewed every three years for currency and clarity.

SUBMISSION/INFORMATION CONTACT

Nominations, applications, and all questions should be directed to Melinda Jones in the Office of the President; by email at presidentialawards@csusm.edu.