



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Associate Deans, VCAAs, Chairs, Directors, Student Government Council

FROM: T. Chris Riley-Tillman, Provost and Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: Faculty Awards Program and Call for Nominations

DATE: May 13, 2025

We are pleased to announce the Faculty Awards Program for academic year 2025-2026. Washington State University (WSU) has more than 2,000 highly talented and dedicated faculty members who, on a daily basis, enrich the lives of our students through high-quality instruction, while making tremendous contributions to our state, nation, and world in scholarship, teaching, public service, and creative activities.

In establishing university awards, WSU seeks to recognize the truly outstanding accomplishments and exceptional individual achievements of its faculty. The awards are designed to honor those faculty members who epitomize the highest levels of excellence in the pursuit of the university's mission and goals. We are seeking your support in nominating outstanding faculty members whose performance clearly distinguishes them from their colleagues for these university-level awards.

The Office of the Provost is seeking nominations for the following system awards:

- Distinguished Faculty Address
- Emerita/Emeritus Society Legacy of Excellence Award
- Faculty Mid-Career Award
- Faculty Opportunity and Engagement Award
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship Award
- Outstanding Department Chair/School Director
- President's Distinguished Teaching Award for Career-Track Faculty
- Sahlin Eminent Faculty Award
- Sahlin Faculty Excellence Awards
 - Instruction
 - Leadership
 - Outreach and Engagement
 - Research, Scholarship, and Arts
- V. Lane Rawlins Distinguished Lifetime Service Award

Further information on these awards and a list of previous recipients can be found at the Office of the Provost website: <http://provost.wsu.edu/awards>.

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[Online nominations](#) for all awards are due by September 29, 2025. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to nominate faculty members for these awards.

Nominators are asked to submit the online nomination form, a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a narrative of 1000 words or less, stating why the nominee meets the award criteria and is deserving of the award. Please do not submit additional information during the initial phase. At a later date, the nominator(s) may be asked to provide additional supporting information, such as additional letters of support, upon request from the selection committees. **Please ensure that nominations explicitly address the award criteria.**

Due to the competitive nature of these awards, resubmission of a previously unsuccessful nomination is encouraged. To improve the chances for success, nominators may contact the chair of the selection committee to determine why the previous nomination was unsuccessful. Awards will be presented during the Showcase Celebrating Excellence Banquet (hosted on the WSU Pullman campus) on Friday, March 27, 2026.

Questions regarding the Faculty Awards Program should be directed to Kristina Peterson-Wilson (Vice Provost for Academic Administration & Chief of Staff) at (509) 335-5581 or kpeterson2@wsu.edu.