



THE UNIVERSITY of
NEW ORLEANS
OFFICE OF FACULTY AFFAIRS

To: UNO Faculty
From: Office of Faculty Affairs
Re: **Call for Applications – 2023 Faculty Excellence Awards**

The Office of Faculty Affairs is pleased to invite applications for this year's Faculty Excellence Awards. These awards are designed to recognize and showcase the University's outstanding faculty in teaching and in service. The winners of these awards will receive a plaque and be recognized at the Fall 2023 Faculty and Staff Convocation.

Faculty Excellence in Teaching

This award recognizes a full-time faculty member at the University of New Orleans for demonstrated excellence in teaching.

Excellence in teaching is defined broadly as instruction and instruction-related activities. Applicants are expected to present evidence of innovative and inclusive practices aimed at meeting the diverse learning needs of students regardless of their educational background and identity. Also expected is evidence of active involvement in professional development in teaching and application of the knowledge and skills learned to teaching, developing course materials and assessments, and creating a sense of belonging in the classroom.

Innovative practices include, but are not limited to, the use of new instructional technologies, the use of traditional technologies in creative ways, new approaches to instruction, the use of co-curricular experiences, and successful incorporation of experiential learning. Inclusive practices include, but are not limited to, using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles, building a sense of belonging in the classroom, and adopting diverse forms of course assessment. Innovative and inclusive teaching should have a positive impact on teaching effectiveness, student learning, supporting diverse student learners, and student retention and career readiness.

Eligibility:

All full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty and full-time instructors with at least three years of teaching experience at UNO are eligible. The award recipient is expected to attend the awards ceremony at the Faculty & Staff Convocation in August.

Application Process

Please include all of the following in your application packet:

1. A completed Faculty Excellence Award Application Form.
2. A copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae (no more than five pages).
3. A statement written by the applicant describing the applicant's teaching philosophy and presenting evidence of excellence in teaching, including teaching innovation and professional development activities. (Limited to two pages.)
4. A summary table of all the courses the applicant has taught for the last two years, including course title, level, and number of students.
5. Summaries of teaching evaluation scores from three to four courses, with comparisons to evaluations within the department/school, and college.

6. Two syllabi from different courses; two assignments in each course.
7. A letter of support from the applicant's Department Head presenting evidence of the applicant's outstanding teaching.
8. One letter of support from a faculty colleague presenting evidence of the applicant's outstanding teaching.
9. Two letters of support from students presenting evidence of the impact of the applicant's teaching on student learning, including creating a sense of belonging in the classroom. This may include evidence of the impact of instructional innovation and /or inclusive teaching practices. (No more than two pages, and no letter of support should be more than three years old.)

Faculty Excellence in Service

The Faculty Excellence in Service award recognizes a faculty member who exemplifies outstanding service to the profession, the discipline, the department, the college, the university, and/or the broader community. For this award, service activities are limited to work for which the faculty member receives no additional compensation but that has a tangible benefit to others.

Excellence in service will be measured in terms of activities that surpass the responsibilities of the position and are aligned with and benefit the university, college, or department (e.g., student recruitment and retention, experiential learning, equity and inclusive excellence, community engagement and partnerships, etc.). Evidence should show how the applicant's service contributes to achieving UNO's strategic goals and exhibits the University's core values.

Eligibility:

All full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty and full-time instructors with more than three years of career experience at UNO. The award recipient is expected to attend the awards ceremony at the Faculty & Staff Convocation in August.

Application Process

Please include all of the following in your application packet:

1. A completed Faculty Excellence Award Application Form.
2. A copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae (no more than five pages).
3. A statement written by the applicant describing the applicant's service activities and how they reflect UNO's core values and contribute to achieving the University's strategic goals. (Limited to two pages.)
4. A letter of support from the applicant's Department Head attesting to the applicant's outstanding service.
5. Two letters from members of professional organizations, service organizations, University/College/ Department colleagues or others who have first-hand knowledge of the applicant's service contributions. (No more than two pages and no letter of support should be more than three years old.)

Deadline for submission of application: June 30, 2023.

Completed application package must be submitted electronically to Faculty Affairs facultyaffairs@uno.edu. Please do not CC: anyone else.

Late submissions will not be accepted.