

The Association of Former Students College-Level Teaching Awards Guidelines 2024

Texas A&M University and The Association of Former Students proudly present this program to celebrate the teaching valued by schools and colleges, as well as, to recognize librarianship valued by libraries across Texas A&M University

Teaching Awards:

These awards recognize, encourage, and reward exceptional classroom teachers— those individuals whose command of their respective discipline, teaching methodologies, pervasive caring, communication skills, and commitment to the learning process exemplify the meaning of teacher/mentor in its highest sense. This award is designed to distinguish those teachers who maintain high expectations of their students and who ensure academic rigor in their courses. Distinguished teachers recognize their responsibility in motivating and contributing to the overall development of the student. Recipients receive a \$2,000 monetary award and a framed certificate.

The following number of awards will be given:

<u>College/School</u>	<u>#</u>
Agriculture & Life Sciences	4
Architecture	1
Arts & Sciences	8
Bush School of Government and Public Service	1
Dentistry	2
Education & Human Development	2
Engineering	7
Engineering Medicine	1
Law	1
Library (Librarianship Award)	1
Mays Business School	2
Medicine	1
Nursing	1
Pharmacy	1
Performance, Visualization & Fine Arts	1
Public Health	1
Texas A&M University at Galveston	1
Texas A&M University at Qatar	1
Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences	2

Eligibility Guidelines for College Teaching Awards:

A Texas A&M faculty member is eligible if they have completed three full years of service to the University (budgeted at least part-time to teach) by January 1, 2024 and they have not received another Association of Former Students **College-Level Teaching Award** in the last five years. The service need not be continuous so long as the employment involved teaching in a position above the level of graduate student during the three-year period.

Note: Having received an Association of Former Students University-Level award does not affect eligibility.

Selection Committee:

The college/school coordinator should meet with representatives from the Faculty Advisory Committee and representatives of the Student Council to determine the size and composition of the selection committee. Once the size and composition of the selection committee have been decided, the college/school coordinator will temporarily refrain from further involvement in the process. The specific faculty and students named to participate on the selection committee will be appointed by the Student Council and Faculty Advisory Committee, in compliance with the guidelines below:

1. The committee should have a good mix of faculty and students, consisting of current students (both graduate and undergraduate) and former students. It is recommended that past winners of the college level awards be asked to serve on the selection committee.
2. You are encouraged to promote diversity reflective of the constituencies of TAMU in the selection of committee members.
3. A chair must be appointed for the committee. The chair's function will be to preside, conduct the meetings, and count the votes, in addition to being a voting member.
4. Great care should be taken to ensure that all of the appointed members of the selection committee fully understand the unusual significance of the awards and the necessity for maintaining the integrity of the awards.
5. No faculty member currently under consideration for an award may serve on the selection committee.
6. No individual should serve on the selection committee more than once every three years.
7. A list of past year's selection committee members should be retained by the coordinator.
8. Individuals who serve as administrators are not eligible to serve on the selection committee.
9. The identity of the members of the selection committee and the proceedings of the committees must be kept confidential.
10. The committee should keep the names of award nominees confidential.

Coordination of College Teaching Awards:

Important Dates:

- The college/school will determine the due date for submission of nominee packages internally.
- **Return The Association of Former Students College-Level Teaching Award Results Spreadsheet with recipients and ceremony details to Faculty Affairs at awardsprograms@tamu.edu by 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2024.**
- **Please note, Ceremony Details must be provided at the time the names of recipients are submitted. Faculty Affairs will coordinate distribution of the monetary award the month following the college/school level Ceremony. We will not accept recipients without this information.**

Librarianship Award:

One non-teaching librarianship award is presented to reward, encourage, and recognize a librarian who has made superior contributions to the University through outstanding accomplishment and dedication to serve all students by enhancing the education experience.

Eligibility Guidelines for Librarianship Award:

Librarians reporting through the University Librarian and Assistant Provost are eligible for the librarianship award. A librarian is eligible if he or she has not received another Association of Former Students librarianship award in the last five years, and has completed three full years of service to the University by January 1, 2024.

Coordination of Librarianship Award:

The coordinator for the Librarianship award is Julie Mosbo Ballestro at jmosbo@library.tamu.edu. *Nomination packets should be addressed to Ms. Ballestro.*

1. The Librarianship Award Coordinator will determine and announce the due date for nomination packets.
2. The coordinator will form and call together a selection committee for the Librarianship Award.

The composition of the selection committee for the Librarianship Award will be as follows:

- Four Librarians chosen by the Assistant Provost based on a call for volunteers.
- Library professionals.
- Libraries' representative to the University Staff Council.

The same general rules and spirit of the nomination and selection process should be followed in the Librarianship Award selection process and committee as for the college level teaching awards (see items 1-10 under "Selection Committee for College Teaching Awards").

3. Once the Librarianship award recipient has been selected by the Libraries Committee, the award recipient name should be forwarded to Faculty Affairs at awardsprograms@tamu.edu by **5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2024.**

Sources of Nominations (all awards)

The Student Council(s) and Faculty Advisory Committee in each unit are asked to solicit nominations by whatever means they deem appropriate. An effort to notify all faculty, staff, and students of the opportunity to nominate should be made. Nominations from students are to be solicited by the student council of each college/school; nominations from faculty and staff are to be solicited by the faculty advisory committee of each college/school. Student councils should notify club advisors and presidents in their respective colleges/school about the opportunity to submit nominations; those groups may wish to submit dossiers to the councils for consideration. Individuals and groups who wish to make nominations should contact one of these designated groups to make their nominations known to that group for further consideration. Any other means of soliciting nominations will be left up to the student councils and faculty advisory committees.

Preparation and Submission of Nomination Packets within the College/School

Packets should be saved, shared electronically with the selection committee, and be clearly marked with the name of the nominee. Student Councils needing administrative support (typing of letters, making long distance phone calls, etc.) may obtain it from the office of their college/school coordinator. **The nomination packets stay at the college/school-level and are not submitted to Faculty Affairs.**

The contents of each packet should be as follows:

1. Table of Contents
2. Letter of Nomination (limited to four pages)
3. Biographical Data. This information should be provided on the following items in the order listed:
 - Name of Nominee
 - Current position (title, rank, department or unit)
 - Number of years in this position
 - Number of years at Texas A&M University
 - Degrees held (source and date)
 - Employment history (previous positions, years; list most recent first)
 - Honors and awards
 - Membership in professional and honorary societies (note offices held)
 - List of articles and books published and professional accomplishments within the last five years (if there are particularly significant accomplishments before the last five years, those should be included in the letter of nomination).
 - Up to six letters of endorsement, no longer than one page each, may be included. Letters of endorsement may be provided from any source.
 - The Association of Former Students as well as Selection Committees look for strong student involvement and input into the nomination and decision-making process.

For questions, please contact your college/school coordinator via the Office for your dean, or Faculty Affairs at awardsprograms@tamu.edu.