

Call for Nominations - Faculty Excellence Awards, 2020-2021 Deadline November 2, 2020

You are invited to submit nominations for the 2020-2021 Faculty Excellence Awards, which will be announced at the faculty-staff Holiday Luncheon. Each recipient receives a \$2500 award. A list of previous award recipients is available [online](#).

Excellence in Teaching – one award.

Documentation for the Teaching award

- Peer testimonials – no more than three (not to exceed 500 words each)
- Student testimonials – no more than five (not to exceed 500 words each)
- Outside recognitions
- Teaching evaluations from the nominee's past two teaching years (EvaluationKIT PDF + comments report by course, and quantitative semester summaries). Instructions for generating these reports in EvaluationKIT are available [online](#).

Criteria for the Teaching award

Nominees should embody the qualities of excellent teaching, as measured by:

- the ability to communicate knowledge effectively
- the ability to inspire in students a love of learning
- a demonstrated record of consistently going “above and beyond” in working with students

Excellence in Advising – one award (*nominations can come from students and/or faculty*)

Documentation for the Advising award

- Peer testimonials – no more than three (not to exceed 500 words each)
- Student testimonials – no more than five (not to exceed 500 words each)
- Description of advising work of the nominee's past two teaching years

Criteria for the Advising award

- plan their academic schedule
- navigate the challenges of college life
- make well-chosen life and career decisions

K. T. Tang Awards for Excellence in Research* – two awards

Documentation for the Research awards

- Testimonials from peers and/or research students, including at least one peer from outside of PLU who can speak to the nominee's contributions to their discipline – no more than five (not to exceed 500 words each)
- List of scholarly activity
- Grants received
- Outside awards

Criteria for the Research award

Nominees should have made significant contributions to their disciplines through:

- dissemination of rigorous, substantial, and ongoing research activities employing methodologies appropriate to the discipline
- recent relevant accomplishments

**Provided through an endowment established by Wilfrid Chan, a 1974 alumnus in physics, in honor of his former professor, Dr. K. T. Tang.*

Excellence in Service – one award

Documentation for the Service award

- Testimonials from peers and/or students, including at least one peer that can speak to the nominee's service to community and profession beyond PLU – no more than five (not to exceed 500 words each)
- Record of service
- Public recognitions

Criteria for the Service award

Nominees should demonstrate a consistent record of service through engagement in activities that benefit the university, their profession, and the community through lives of thoughtful inquiry, work, leadership, and care. Activities should include:

- service to faculty governance
- service to university
- service to academic community
- service to community and profession beyond the university

Faculty Excellence in Mentoring in Honor of Art Gee** – one award

Documentation for the Mentoring award

- Peer testimonials – no more than three (not to exceed 500 words each)
- Student testimonials – no more than five (not to exceed 500 words each)

Criteria for the Mentoring award

There is no single definition of an excellent mentor. A mentor is someone who, through experience, caring, and knowledge, makes a profound difference in the life of another by being a:

- role model
- confidant
- critic
- friend
- teacher
- co-learner

***Established through a gift from Tom Carlson (Department of Biology), dedicated to his mentor, Art Gee.*

Process for Nomination

Nomination packets should be submitted electronically by the dean of the nominee's unit to the Office of the Provost (provost@plu.edu) by **November 2, 2020**.

- Please attach each nomination packet (per nominee) as a single PDF file.
- Each nomination packet should include:
 - a nomination letter that speaks to the award criteria (not to exceed 500 words)
 - materials specific to the award
 - in cases when there are multiple nominees from the same unit for a particular award, the appropriate dean should provide
 - a ranking of the nominations, using whatever process (such as consultation with chairs) that dean believes appropriate
 - a brief explanation of the ranking
- Nomination packets and supporting materials will not be accepted past the deadline.
- There is no rule that precludes a previous recipient from receiving another award.
- For both the teaching and research awards, faculty are primarily recognized for achievements in recent academic years.
- Deans are not normally nominated for these awards.

Process for Selection

A faculty awards advisory committee will be convened by the Provost to review nominations and select award recipients.

- When possible, the committee will be comprised of faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences and the professional schools.
- A committee member may not be nominated for an award.
- The committee may consult with appropriate student(s) or student group(s) regarding the recipient of the advising award as part of the deliberation process.