

Call for Nominations - Faculty Excellence Awards, 2020-2021

Deadline April 12, 2021

You are invited to submit nominations for the 2020-2021 Faculty Excellence Awards, which will be announced in late May 2021. 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 over the nominee’s past two teaching years

Criteria for the Advising award

Nominees should embody qualities of effective and caring concern for student academic progress, as measured by skill at helping students:

- 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 5 (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 **April 12, 2021**.

- 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.