

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS COMMITTEE

POLICY

1. The awards shall be named the Outstanding Faculty Award in Teaching and the Outstanding Faculty Award in Professional Service.
2. There can be three awards presented annually—two Outstanding Faculty Awards in Teaching and one Outstanding Faculty Award in Professional Service depending on the committee's decision.
3. The administrative office responsible for supervision of the Committee shall be that of the Office of the Provost.
4. Committee Composition:

The Outstanding Faculty Awards Committee shall be a standing University Committee. The Committee shall include one faculty member from humanities and social sciences, one from sciences and math, one from education, one from engineering, one from business, one from agriculture and human ecology, one from nursing, one from interdisciplinary studies and one from fine arts. Each college shall elect the faculty members. All faculty appointments shall be for a three-year period.

The SGA will be responsible for determining student membership on the Committee. The SGA is encouraged to include at least one graduate student. One student from each of the above-mentioned groups shall serve for a one-year term.

The full committee, faculty and students, shall be responsible for selecting the recipients of the Outstanding Faculty Awards in Teaching. The faculty committee members shall be responsible for selection of the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award in Professional Service.

5. Nominations shall be from a student, faculty member, alumnus, or administrator.
6. When nominations are received, the Committee shall request supporting documentation from each nominee. Supporting documentation requirements are listed in the procedures for the Outstanding Faculty Awards. The Committee shall then take into consideration all of the information it has available to select the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award in Professional Service and the recipients of the Outstanding Faculty Awards in Teaching.

In the event that a member of the Outstanding Faculty Awards Committee is nominated for an award, that person should withdraw from the committee's deliberations and a temporary alternate be selected by the Dean of his or her College or School. The alternate would serve only for one year and the nominated member may return the following year to finish the term of his/her appointment as a member of the committee.

7. Criteria for nomination for the Outstanding Faculty Awards in Teaching are instructional competence and effectiveness.
8. Criteria for nomination for the Outstanding Faculty Award in Professional Service are:
 - A. Service to the University community in non-teaching and non-research capabilities. (Committee assignments, academic advisement/personal counseling, sponsorship of groups, etc.)
 - B. Service in the faculty member's professional area of expertise to the non-university community (local, state and national). Paid consultancy will not be considered as service for this award.

9. Qualifications for nominees shall be:
 - A. Any person who is employed as a full-time member of the faculty shall be eligible for nomination, inclusive of the academic ranks of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, tenured or tenure-track instructor, senior instructor, master instructor, lecturer, senior lecturer, or master lecturer, provided he/she satisfies the remaining qualifications.
 - B. A nominee shall have completed at least three academic years of teaching at Tennessee Technological University, exclusive of summer terms.
 - C. A nominee shall have taught ~~at least half time~~ in two of the last three years at Tennessee Tech, exclusive of summer terms.
 - D. A faculty member who has won an award shall be ineligible for that same award for a period of three years. A winner of the Outstanding Faculty Award in Teaching shall be eligible, however, for the Outstanding Faculty Award in Professional Service immediately and vice versa.
10. Names of the winners shall be certified and forwarded to the Office of the President by the Associate Provost.
11. The University shall give appropriate recognition to each winner in terms of a cash award and a plaque at a Faculty Awards Recognition Reception prior to Spring Commencement Ceremonies.

Amended: Academic Council, January 30, 1991; January 28, 2015; October 9, 2019