

Academic Awards, Honors, and Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to Education

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Policy Statement

The University recognizes outstanding contributions to the academic mission teaching and learning by faculty and ~~academic professional and administrative (P&A) instructional~~ staff at the University of Minnesota, ~~available through the Horace T. Morse University of Minnesota Alumni Undergraduate Education Award and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Post-Baccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education.~~

These awards, honors, and recognitions ~~programs are funded by central administration and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association.~~ They reflect the University's ~~our~~ strong and enduring commitment to excellence in quality undergraduate, and graduate, and professional education, advising, and scholarship ~~at the University of Minnesota.~~

Distinguished Teaching Awards

Distinguished Teaching Awards are available to academic professional and administrative (P&A) instructional staff at the University of Minnesota, and recognize outstanding contributions to teaching and learning.

Undergraduate Education: Horace T. Morse- University of Minnesota Alumni Association Awards

~~Colleges may nominate faculty members and P&A instructional staff for the Horace T. Morse Minnesota Alumni Association Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education.~~ This honor is awarded annually to exceptional candidates and reflects the University's emphasis on the importance of high quality undergraduate education. Individuals winning the award will serve as a resource for teachers at the University and contribute to the improvement of undergraduate education. The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost manages this award process; the executive vice president and provost approves this award upon recommendation of a selection committee.

Graduate and Professional Education Awards

~~Department chairs and colleagues may nominate faculty members and P&A instructional staff for the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate and Professional Education.~~ This award recognizes faculty who engage graduate, professional ~~students~~, or other post-baccalaureate students in a community of intellectual inquiry, who are significant mentors and role models for graduate, ~~and~~ professional, and other post-baccalaureate students, and who develop and promote activities ~~that~~which help students understand the larger context of their intended professions. This honor is awarded to exceptional candidates in recognition of outstanding performance in post-baccalaureategraduate and professional education in the following areas:

- excellence in instruction;
- involvement of students in research, scholarship, and professional development;
- development of graduate, ~~or~~ professional, or other post-baccalaureate instructional programs;
- contributions to advancing equity and diversity;
- advising and mentoring.

The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost manages this award process; the executive vice president and provost approves this award upon recommendation of a selection committee.

McKnight Awards

McKnight Awards identify, recognize, and support the University's most promising faculty at critical stages in their careers.

McKnight Land-Grant Professorship Awards

The McKnight Land--Grant Professorship recognizes junior scholars for their potential for important contributions to their field and the significance of their research and the clarity with which it is conveyed to the non--specialist; the degree to which their past achievements and current work demonstrate originality, imagination, and innovation; their potential for attracting outstanding students; their contributions to the university's efforts to advance equity and diversity in the service of excellence in teaching, research and community engagement; and their service or leadership contributions to the wider community. Recipients hold the designation of McKnight Land--Grant Professor for 2 years. The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost manages this award process; the executive vice president and provost approves this award upon recommendation of a selection committee.

Distinguished McKnight University Professorship Awards

The Distinguished McKnight University Professorship recognizes outstanding mid--career faculty members who have recently achieved full professor status for: their scholarly achievements based on the merit impact of their

achievements; the extent to which their achievements have brought distinction and prestige to the University; their national or international reputation; their potential for future contributions or breakthroughs; the extent to which their career has flourished at the university and their work and reputation are associated with the university; the quality of their teaching and advising; their contributions to the university's efforts to advance equity and diversity in the service of excellence in teaching, research and community engagement; and their service or leadership contributions to the wider community. Recipients hold the title Distinguished McKnight University Professor for as long as they remain at the University. The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost manages this award process; the executive vice president and provost approves this award upon recommendation of a selection committee.

McKnight Presidential Fellow Awards

The McKnight Presidential Fellow Award recognizes recently promoted associate professors in recognition of their research, scholarship, and leadership in their fields. Recipients hold the designation of McKnight Presidential Fellow for 3 years. The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost manages this award process; the president approves this award upon recommendation of the executive vice president and provost.

McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair Awards and McKnight Presidential Endowed Professorship Awards

The McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair and the McKnight Presidential Endowed Professorship are among the highest honors for faculty at the University of Minnesota and recognizes highly distinguished, world--class scholars. The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost manages this award process; the president approves this award upon recommendation of the executive vice president and provost.

Other Academic Awards

John Tate Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising

The John Tate Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising recognize and reward outstanding academic advising and call attention to the contributions that academic advising makes in helping students formulate and achieve intellectual, career, and personal goals. The Office of Undergraduate Education manages this award process; the vice provost for undergraduate education approves this award, upon recommendation of a committee appointed by the vice provost for undergraduate education.

President's Community--Engaged Scholar Award

The President's Community--Engaged Scholar Award recognizes scholarly work conducted in partnership with a community partner. The Office for Public Engagement manages this award process; the executive vice president and provost approves this award upon recommendation of a selection committee.

Other Teaching Awards

Individual colleges also recognize teaching excellence. The relevant collegiate unit approves these awards and manages these awards processes.

Recognition

~~Faculty and P&A instructional staff who receive the Morse Alumni Award or the Graduate Professional Award become members of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers. The title "Distinguished University Teaching Professor" is conferred upon all faculty and the title "Distinguished University Teacher" is conferred upon instructional P&A staff. The title may be used in correspondence, on business cards, and wherever else appropriate. The recipients will be recognized by specific notations in appropriate college catalogues and in the University teaching schedule for the duration of the recipient's academic career at the University of Minnesota.~~

~~Each winner will also receive a one-time award stipend.~~

Eligibility

~~Tenured and tenure-track (regular) faculty, term (non-regular) faculty, and P&A instructional staff salaried through the University may be nominated for the teaching awards. Nominees must have held a 66 2/3% time or greater appointment at the University of Minnesota for at least five years, including the current year to be eligible for the awards.~~

~~Previous nominees who did not receive the award may be re-nominated. Individuals may not nominate themselves. No individual may receive the Morse-Alumni award and the Graduate-Professional award in the same year and recipients may only receive one of each of these awards in their University career.~~

~~The number of recipients will depend on the funding available.~~

Reason for Policy

To implement Board of Regents Policy: [Awards, Honors, and Recognitions](#). ~~The award programs reflect the University's strong and enduring commitment to undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, graduate, and professional student education.~~ The recipients of the se academic awards promote a community of intellectual inquiry, serve as significant mentors and role models for students, and develop and promote activities which help students understand the larger context of their intended professions. This policy emphasizes the importance of high quality education and academic accomplishment that benefits students, the community, the state of Minnesota, and the world.

Procedures

[Distinguished Teaching Awards](#)

[McKnight Awards](#)

[John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising](#)

[President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award](#)~~Procedures are available on the *Provost's website*.~~

Forms/Instructions

- ~~[Forms and instructions are included in the procedures linked above.](#) Guidelines and nomination material are available on the *Provost's website*.~~

Appendices

There are no appendices associated with this policy.

Frequently Asked Questions

There are no FAQs associated with this policy.

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Definitions

Graduate-Professional Award

An honor awarded to faculty and P&A instructional staff in recognition of outstanding performance in post-baccalaureate, graduate, and professional education.

Horace T. Morse University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award

An honor awarded to faculty and P&A instructional staff in recognition of outstanding contributions to undergraduate education.

Responsibilities

Associate Vice President for Public Engagement

Establish a selection committee for the President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award; support and follow the selection process.

Candidates for the Distinguished Teaching Awards

Complete the sections of the nomination materials that need to be completed by the candidate and sign the release form.

Departments and Colleges

Identify individuals who qualify for the awards and submit the appropriate materials.

Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP)

Establish operational guidelines associated with the granting of the Distinguished Teaching Awards in consultation with the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost ~~and report annually on those details to the Senate for information.~~ Provide a student representative for each of the Distinguished Teaching Award selection committees. Receive nominations and select candidates for awards. Select candidates for Approve list of Distinguished Teaching Award recipients chosen by each selection committee and approved by EVPP.

Executive Vice President and Provost

Approve list of recipients chosen by each selection committee.

Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs

Publicize and determine the number of Distinguished Teaching and McKnight Awards that will be given each year, based on available funding. Establish selection committees required for Distinguished Teaching and McKnight Awards; support and follow the selection process for each award.

Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

Establish a selection committee for the John Tate Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising; support and follow the selection process.

Related Information

- Board of Regents Policy: *Awards, Honors and Recognition*

History

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