



## UNT Foundation *Community Engagement Award* Call for Nominations

### **Award Description:**

The UNT Foundation Community Engagement Award recognizes UNT faculty whose careers are marked by sustained activities that systematically and effectively advance mutual university-community engagement, successfully address important community issues through collaborative initiatives, and create intellectual products respected by peers within and beyond the academy. UNT's Community Engagement recipients are those individuals who have the sensitivity to understand and work across organizational cultures and boundaries; the leadership to build bridges among community institutions and to make university and community institutions intelligible to and supportive of each other; and the capacity to develop new and productive projects and relationships that embody the university's central commitment to its community engagement mission. The annual award carries a one-time \$5,000 payment and an engraved commemorative gift.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Must have served the University of North Texas for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Must be a full-time professional track or tenure-track/tenured faculty member in good standing at the time of the nomination.
- Must demonstrate sustained exemplary community engagement and have one or more distinct engagement initiatives with an actively involved community partner(s) that achieve multiple successful outcomes.

### **Nomination Procedure:**

Any UNT faculty or employee with in-depth knowledge of the nominee's accomplishments may nominate a faculty member who meets the above criteria. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominators should inform nominees that they are being nominated and may solicit their assistance in preparing the materials. The nomination should include the following materials:

1. One-page narrative detailing the nominee's community engagement philosophy and their role in impacting change through their community engagement work.
2. A listing of community partner(s), including a brief description of the partnership, contact information, outcomes, impacts, and/or intellectual products produced (e.g., research, creative works, teaching, service, and/or professional practice). *This information will be entered directly into the application rather than uploaded as a document.*
3. **Two supporting letters** from community partner(s) associated with community engagement projects reporting the initiatives, community outcomes and impacts produced, and community perception of the nominee's roles and effectiveness in achieving them. **Only two supporting letters will be reviewed.**
4. Complete and updated curriculum vita

### **Submission Process:**

The nominator should submit the application via the [Faculty Success InfoReady portal](#) by **5:00 p.m. on October 9, 2025**. *Only complete applications will be reviewed.* Please submit to the award titled "UNT Foundation Community Engagement Award." Please contact [Faculty Success](#) with any questions.

### **Selection Process:**

An award selection committee, appointed by the Provost and President, will represent the faculty at large, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and the UNT Foundation. The Vice Provost for Faculty Success or her appointee will serve as the non-voting chair of the committee. The 2026 UNT Foundation Community Engagement Faculty Award will be presented at the Salute to Faculty Excellence Awards ceremony in the spring term.