



UNT Foundation *Outstanding Lecturer Award* Call for Nominations

Award Description:

The UNT Foundation Outstanding Lecturer Award recognizes a full-time Lecturer who has made significant and sustained contributions to the University as evidenced by the quality of their teaching and service. This award is the university's highest honor for full-time lecturers. The annual award includes a one-time payment of \$5,000, a commemorative engraved gift, and the distinction of UNT Foundation Outstanding Lecturer.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must have served the University of North Texas for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Must be a full-time lecturer (holding the rank of lecturer, senior lecturer, or principal lecturer) in good standing at the time of the nomination.
- Must be well-rounded, with outstanding accomplishments in teaching and service; demonstrate a commitment to pedagogical innovation; support student success; and promote teaching excellence across the UNT campus (e.g., invited presentations, projects, mentorship, developing communities of practice, teaching projects) and in leading teaching excellence projects or initiatives within the faculty member's discipline. Greater weight will be given to those projects that directly benefit the UNT community.
- Must have contributed notably to the advancement and vitality of the university community.

Nomination Procedures:

A lecturer who meets the above criteria may be nominated by any UNT faculty or university employee with in-depth knowledge of the accomplishments of the nominee. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominators should inform nominees that they are being nominated and may solicit their assistance in preparing the nomination materials. Please include the following items in your application:

1. Table of contents
2. One-page personal narrative detailing the nominee's teaching philosophy
3. One-page narrative highlighting teaching and service accomplishments (awards, innovative pedagogy or projects, campus or professional association work)
4. 2-3 course syllabi exemplars
5. List of courses taught, course evaluations, and course enrollments for the last three years
6. **Three supporting letters** addressing the nominee's contribution to their discipline, teaching effectiveness, and/or advancement of the university community through service and/or leadership. Supporting letters may be requested from colleagues outside the university, deans, department chairs, committees, other university colleagues, and/or students. **Only three letters will be reviewed.**
7. Complete and updated curriculum vita

Submission Process:

- The nominator should submit the nomination packet via [the Salute to Faculty Excellence Awards Nomination portal](#) by **5:00 p.m. on October 9, 2025**. Only complete applications will be reviewed. If you have any questions, please contact Faculty Success at faculty.success@unt.edu.

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 designee of the Vice Provost for Faculty Success will serve as the non-voting chair of the committee. The 2026 UNT Foundation Outstanding Lecturer Award will be presented at the Salute to Faculty Excellence Awards ceremony in the spring term.