



Core Curriculum Innovation Awards Spring, 2013

Purpose: These awards recognize and celebrate faculty who provide innovative instruction and supportive environments in core courses. These instructors make the core curriculum meaningful and provide a framework for success as students begin their college journey. It is a public recognition of the importance of the core curriculum in providing UNT students with the foundation they need for academic success. Winners will be named “Core Fellows” and will receive a \$1,000 award funded by Undergraduate Studies and the Office of Educational Innovation.

Eligibility: Any instructor (tenured, tenure track, lecturer or adjunct) who has taught at least 2 sections in the core per year for 3 consecutive years.

Nomination Process (self-nominations are accepted): Nomination dossiers should be submitted electronically to undergraduatestudies@unt.edu as a **single PDF document in the following order:**

1. A statement from the nominee describing their teaching philosophy (1 page max)
2. A classroom activity, practice, or lesson that illustrates innovation and dedication to the core curriculum
3. A complete list of core courses taught for the last 6 completed long semesters, including semester and section number
4. A copy of the “Faculty SETE Score Report (Detailed)” for 6 sections in the core taught in the past 3 years (or other forms of evaluation of teaching effectiveness if the courses were taught prior to SETE implementation)
5. Letter(s) of support from faculty, especially any who have personally observed the faculty member “in action” in the classroom (at least 1 and no more than 3). Nominees are encouraged, but not required, to include a letter from their department chair and/or from a member of their Personnel Affairs Committee
6. Up to 3 letters of support from students (optional)
7. A current curriculum vita

Selection Process: Selection is based upon submitted evidence documenting innovation and dedication in the core curriculum. In addition, the committee will gather enrollment and grade distribution data for each course listed in the materials provided by the nominee.

The selection committee will review all submitted evidence and may solicit additional input regarding the performance of any nominee. Based upon the evidence, the committee may recommend multiple faculty members to receive the Core Curriculum Innovation Award. Awards will be presented at the *Salute to Faculty Excellence Awards Dinner and Ceremony* on September 27, 2013 at Apogee Stadium.

Use of Award Funds: Award recipients may use their designated funds at their discretion to enhance or develop their instructional or scholarly activities.

Submission Process: All materials should be submitted electronically as a single PDF document in the order indicated above to undergraduatestudies@unt.edu

Deadline for Submissions: Friday, April 12th, 4PM.