

# FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCES SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

### DESCRIPTION

This award is to recognize outstanding teaching by the faculty of the College of Sciences. The Awards & Recognition Committee will select the faculty member who best demonstrates exemplary teaching in our college.

### GUIDELINES

1. Nominees must be tenured or tenure-track faculty members with an appointment in the College of Sciences at Sam Houston State University. Nominees must have a minimum of three (3) years full-time employment at Sam Houston State University. Time served as a visiting professor (one year maximum) will count toward this requirement.
2. Letters of nomination will be accepted from a department chair or faculty member in the College of Sciences. Student nominations and self-nominations are not accepted.
3. Nominees must have demonstrated a pattern of excellence in teaching and learning activities during classes taught at Sam Houston State University, its satellite campuses, or in on-line classes. Examples include but are not limited to publishing in educational journals, conducting educational workshops, and redesigning curriculum.
4. Observation of a candidate's teaching will not be a part of the selection process.
5. Nominees must submit the following materials:
  - a. a cover letter accepting the nomination (one-page limit),
  - b. a resume or vitae (no page limit),
  - c. a brief narrative describing teaching philosophy (one-page limit),
  - d. a brief narrative describing activities, innovations, results, professional development to improve teaching, etc., that supports the nominee's outstanding teaching (two-page limit),
  - e. IDEA student evaluations from the previous five semesters, and
  - f. letters of support from colleagues or students or alumni (limit four).
6. Prior award winners may not be nominated for the award for a period of five (5) years after receiving the award.
7. The nomination process and selection for this award is independent from the University Excellence in Teaching Award.