

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY
President's Distinguished Teaching Fellow

2012 Call for Nominations – Deadline: Monday, November 28, 2011

Background: Northern Arizona University has an historical and philosophical commitment to excellence in teaching and advancing student learning. Faculty commitment to continuously strengthening teaching is reflected in high student appraisal of NAU faculty, strong levels of student satisfaction in surveys such as the National Survey of Student Engagement, involvement of students in research, and attention to pedagogical innovation in support of student success. Faculty who are designated as the President's Distinguished Teaching Fellows are teacher scholars (those with records of scholarly and/or creative activity and university engagement) whose teaching represents the highest levels of excellence.

Criteria: Nominees will be faculty active in strengthening the learning experience of NAU students, and will have a minimum of five (5) years of teaching experience at NAU with the focus typically being on undergraduate education. The award is targeted at teaching scholars who have had an impact on undergraduate learning and who have a sustained record of teaching excellence marked by vision, design, analysis, and reflection. Nominees are sought who meet following criteria:

1. Demonstrate substantive evidence of positive impact and influence on student learning in a diverse student population, e.g., through curriculum and teaching innovations, through advising/mentoring, student assessment information, in and out-of-class instructional activities, student achievements;
2. Demonstrate evidence of the reciprocal relationship between teaching and scholarship and/or creative activity in one's work, e.g., through curriculum and teaching innovations, grant activities, research studies, publications, creative endeavors;
3. Demonstrate evidence of campus-wide leadership in undergraduate education, e.g., through curriculum and teaching innovations, committee contributions, programming initiatives.

Nominations: A faculty colleague or academic administrator with detailed knowledge of the faculty member's overall excellence, creativity and impact in his/her teaching endeavors may submit nomination letters and support packets that address the award criteria. The nomination packets need to include each of the following (and are not to exceed 15 pages excluding the cover page):

1. A cover sheet identifying the nominee's name, departmental affiliation, number of years at NAU, and a paragraph description of the nominee's teaching assignment over the past three years.
2. A letter of nomination that provides a descriptive overview of the nominee's work in relationship to the three criteria.
3. A brief description, written by the nominee, of the ways in which her/his work addresses the three criteria.

4. Three letters of support that provide specific details about the *impact* of the nominee's work in relationship to at least one of any of the three criteria.
The four letters (one being the letter of nomination) must include one each from the nominee's chair, dean, a faculty colleague and a current or former student.
5. **An abbreviated CV** (not more than 2 pages) from the nominee that summarizes education, professional experiences, and other information applicable to the President's Distinguished Teaching Fellow award criteria.
6. **Format Guidelines:** Minimum 10pt font, minimum 1" margins, maximum 15 pages (excluding cover page), can be single or double-spaced, two copies required for submission.

Two copies of the nomination packet must be submitted to the Office of the Provost no later than Monday, November 28.

Process: A committee appointed by the President will review the nominations and invite selected nominees to submit an application portfolio for further review. The President and Provost will make the final selection. Questions should be directed to Daniel Kain, Vice Provost for Academic Personnel.