

# 8.4 Board of Trustees' Outstanding Faculty Award

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The purpose of the award is to recognize a faculty member who has made a significant positive impact on student learning, with **special emphasis on teaching outside the classroom**. Any faculty member as defined in the Handbook, who has been with the school a minimum of three years, is eligible for nomination. The Awards Committee will consider the following factors:

- Creative achievement, which contributes significantly to the breadth of the students' classroom learning experience, for example: across-the curriculum teaching, teaching in multiple departments, or active learning applications.
- Significant achievement made outside the classroom environment such as mentoring or other forms of student communication and encouragement and the active fostering of a learning community.
- Developing and implementing practices that align with the state-of-art in higher education.

With the exception of the candidate CV, nomination letters should be no more than two pages in length, and must include of the following components:

1. a statement introducing the nominee and touching on the nominee's overall merits,
2. a statement defining the significant creative achievements the candidate has made that contribute directly to the *breadth of student classroom learning*,
3. a statement of activities related to achievements made in **teaching outside the classroom**,
4. a statement defining the practices that candidate has developed and implemented that *align with the state-of-art in higher education*, and
5. a candidate CV.

If requested by the Awards Committee, full dossiers for the candidate must include the following components:

1. all nomination materials listed above,
2. Department Head evaluations for the previous three years,
3. letters of support from colleagues and students, and
4. any other supplemental materials deemed relevant.

*This award is not intended to be given each year.*

The award consists of a plaque, \$2,000 deposited into a faculty member's professional development account, and travel support to national engineering education conference for \$1,000.

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