Teaching and Research Excellence Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize engineering faculty who demonstrate excellence in both teaching and research and to encourage all faculty towards excellence in the classroom and the lab. Impact to undergraduate and graduate students for both teaching and research will be examined.

In terms of teaching, metrics will include use of research-based teaching methods, student evaluation and comments, and peer input. In terms of research, metrics will include research funding, impact of journal publication, and contribution to the field. There will be an equal weighting of research and teaching in selection of these awards.

Two awards will be given at the end of each academic year. All engineering faculty will be eligible for this award, although it is expected that tenured and tenure-track faculty will comprise most of the nominations, given the equal balance on teaching and research. For each $10,000 award, $5,000 will be a cash award directly to the faculty member; the remaining $5,000 will be transferred to a D fund of the winner’s preference for use in enhancing teaching and research.

Notes:

- Research excellence will look at a number of aspects including papers in high impact journals, overall productivity as measured by number of students and post docs mentored, student awards, etc. Research excellence will be evaluated only for the previous 2 year period.
- Teaching excellence will look at a number of aspects including innovation, use of research-based practices, student evaluations, peer and administrator evaluations, etc. Teaching excellence will be evaluated during the previous 2 years and can be undergraduate, graduate, or both.
- Letters from former students and peers should be used to support research and teaching excellence.
- A committee, including faculty within the Dean’s office and other accomplished faculty, will evaluate applications.
- **Deadline for nominations is March 20. Deadline for completed applications is April 3.**

Applications: The process is simple: First, anyone can nominate a faculty member. Second, the faculty member must provide requested information. Third, letters of support for the nominee must be uploaded to the site.

1. Chairs, other faculty and students may only nominate a single faculty member for these awards using the online nomination form.
2. The online package to be completed by the nominee should include the online nominee form, where other necessary documents can be uploaded. They are:
   - Elaboration of research success in prior 2 years (≤1 page)
   - Elaboration of teaching excellence in prior 2 years (≤1 page)
   - 2-3 page CV of faculty member (focus on recent successes)
   - Three letters of support from faculty and students (graduate and undergraduate) that speak to success in teaching and research. The nominator may write a letter. Letters of support can be uploaded by the person submitting them here.