2015-2016 Manning Prize for Excellence in Teaching

The Manning Prize for Excellence in Teaching honors one outstanding faculty member from each of the five campuses of the University of Massachusetts. This competitive prize is presented to faculty members who demonstrate excellence in teaching along with exemplary dedication to students and the campus community.

President Meehan will host a luncheon celebrating the achievements of the selected faculty members, each presented with a $10,000 award. The Manning Prize will be presented annually for three years. If successful, the Manning Prize will be endowed and become a permanent award for the University of Massachusetts.

Eligibility

All full time, tenure-system and non-tenure-system faculty members are eligible to receive this award.

Nomination & Selection Process

Departments may nominate one faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and mentoring along with exemplary dedication to students and the campus community. Nomination of previous College Outstanding Teaching Award and Distinguished Teaching Award winners is encouraged, however, faculty with compelling contributions to teaching and learning who have not won either of these awards are welcome as well.

Department nomination: Departments nominate faculty by submitting a statement describing the nominee’s merits in each of the three selection criteria using the nomination form available at http://tinyurl.com/manningprizenomination. Nominations should be fewer than 500 words in total, and must be endorsed by the nominee and the department head or chair. Submit nomination by email to manningprize@umass.edu no later than December 21, 2015 5:00 PM.

Application package: Nominated faculty shall submit an application package including:

1. A teaching statement detailing beliefs and practices about teaching, learning, and mentoring, and addressing the selection criteria below (no longer than 1,500 words);
2. Three student support letters (no more than 2 years old);
3. Two peer/faculty support letters;
4. One chair/head support letter;
5. Representative syllabi and other materials as evidence of effective teaching practices and mentoring.

Submit application materials by email to manningprize@umass.edu by January 15, 2016 5:00 PM. Letters of support may be sent directly from letter authors to the email above. All letters of support must be signed by the author; pdf format preferred.

Selection criteria:

- Sustained excellence in teaching demonstrated through inclusive and high-impact teaching practices that actively engage diverse students.
- Exemplary contribution to the campus community, including mentoring colleagues, sharing best practices, scholarship, and other forms of leadership contributing to excellence in teaching and learning.
- Outstanding record of supporting students’ achievement of educational and career goals through mentoring and advising, especially students from underrepresented groups.

Selection Committee:

- Two faculty members
- One undergraduate student
- One graduate student
- One TEFD staff member
- One Office of the Provost representative