2018 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. Now in its third year, 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. Beginning in 2016, 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 and Application Process

Nomination: Each department may nominate one faculty member. 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. Nominations are due December 14, 2017.

Application: All nominees will be notified by TEFD and may submit applications and invite letters of support, all due January 22, 2018 5:00 PM. These materials should include and not exceed:

1. Cover sheet outlining contents of the application package, each item described with no more than 100-words;
2. Teaching statement detailing beliefs and practices about teaching, learning, and mentoring, and directly addressing the selection criteria below. Must not exceed 2,000 words;
3. Three student support letters (letters written within last 2 years, though the relationship may be older);
4. Two peer/faculty support letters;
5. One chair/head support letter;
6. Supplemental materials: One syllabus developed by applicant and up to four other documents of applicant’s choosing as evidence of effective teaching practices and mentoring.

Submission instructions: Please submit all nominations, application materials, and letters of support directly at http://www.umass.edu/tefd/manning-prize. (Please note: materials that exceed the stated word counts will be truncated at the stipulated word count and information after that point will not be considered). Please contact manningprize@umass.edu with any questions.

Timeline:

- Nominations due December 14, 2017.
- Applications and letters of support due January 22, 2018 5:00 PM.
- Notification of winner and other nominees approximately March 31, 2018.

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
- Two students, one undergraduate and one graduate
- One TEFD staff member
- One Office of the Provost representative