

Outstanding Advisor Award

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The University has provided for the recognition of excellence in the form of the Outstanding Advisor Award. Each year, the Faculty Awards for Service, Teaching, and Research Committee will be charged with selecting winners. Up to five awards may be granted each year. The awards may be taken by the winners as a stipend or as professional development funds.

A. Rationale for the Award

This annual award has been established to recognize distinguished service in those faculty and staff who advise students.

B. Eligibility and Selection

All full-time faculty and professional advising staff are eligible. There is no length of service requirement. Award winners are ineligible for an additional award for at least five years.

Nominations may come from students or colleagues (to include department chairs, program directors, and deans). The nomination form will consist of a nomination letter that includes rationale and should be electronic in nature. Nominator should provide a first-person account of why the nominee is deserving of the award and should discuss the following criteria established by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) for outstanding academic advisors: strong, interpersonal skills; availability to advisees, faculty, or staff; frequency of contact with advisees; appropriate referral activity; use and dissemination of appropriate information sources; caring, helpful attitude toward advisees, faculty, or staff; monitoring of student progress toward academic and career goals; mastery of institutional regulations, policies, and procedures.

After the nomination form is received by Academic Affairs, nominees will be asked to compile and submit a packet of materials that exemplifies excellence in advising. The nominee will be responsible for submitting an original and six copies that include the following information:

- Curriculum vitae, to include materials that pertain directly to academic advising only, plus number of years in academic advising and the percentage of time spent advising. Two-page maximum.
- Letter of support from dean, department chair, program director, or other appropriate person. One-page maximum.
- Personal statement on advising by the nominee. One-page maximum.