

# University of Kentucky

## 2012 Provost Outstanding Teaching Awards

The Outstanding Teaching awards are established by the Provost to reward and encourage excellence in teaching. There are two categories of faculty awards and a teaching assistant award. The following explains the types, number of awards, criteria, nomination procedure and timeline.

### Category One Faculty Award

*Purpose:* To recognize regular and special title series faculty for outstanding teaching performance

*Nature of the award:* Cash award, appropriate plaque and other accolades

*Number of Awards:* Up to three awards

*Criteria:* Evidence of outstanding performance as a teacher, as documented by students and peers - cannot have received this award in the past 8 years

### Category Two Faculty Award

*Purpose:* To recognize lecturer and clinical title series faculty for outstanding performance in the classroom, laboratory, or clinical settings

*Nature of the award:* Cash award, appropriate plaque and other accolades

*Number of Awards:* Up to three awards

*Criteria:* Evidence of outstanding performance in the classroom, laboratory, or clinical setting as documented by students and peers- cannot have received this award in the past 4 years

### Teaching Assistant Award

*Purpose:* To recognize teaching assistants for outstanding performance in the classroom or laboratory

*Eligibility:* Teaching Assistants with at least two semesters of teaching assistantship experience

*Nature of the award:* Cash award, appropriate plaque and other accolades

*Number of Awards:* Up to three awards

*Criteria:* Evidence of outstanding performance in the classroom or laboratory, as documented by faculty and students - recipients may receive this award one time.

## 2012 Provost Outstanding Teaching Awards Guidelines for Submitting Nominations

### Step 1: Nomination

- Deadline for faculty, staff and students to submit a one-page initial nomination letter to the faculty member's department chair is 4:00 p.m. Monday, September 26, 2011. All submissions are to be made electronically.

### Step 2: Department Chair Submits the Formal Recommendation

- A department chair or senior faculty member, familiar with the candidate's teaching performance, should prepare a two-page formal recommendation. The formal recommendation should include specific examples of the accomplishments and qualities that make the nominee a model of teaching excellence.
- Submit materials **electronically** to the Office of the Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs. The deadline for chairs to submit these materials is 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2011. Email all materials to [rwilkie@email.uky.edu](mailto:rwilkie@email.uky.edu).
- Please note: Use your **UK link blue** email account to ensure our receipt of nomination materials.

### Step 3: Selection of Finalists

- The Selection Committee will review all nominations and select preliminary finalists in each category. The Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs will notify finalists on or before Friday, November 4, 2011 to request a teaching award packet.

### Step 4: Submission of Teaching Award Packets

- Each preliminary finalist and their department chair (or designee) will be asked to prepare an **electronic** teaching award packet. Details about this packet will be sent to the preliminary finalists as explained above. The teaching award packets may be submitted to Rita Wilkie at [rwilkie@email.uky.edu](mailto:rwilkie@email.uky.edu) by 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 16, 2011.

### Step 5: Recommendation to Provost

- Upon review of the teaching award packet, the Selection Committee will recommend recipients to the Provost.

Step 6: Award recipients will be notified by the Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs by 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2012.

**The award recipients will be honored at a formal ceremony and receive their awards at the Feb. 22, 2012, Founders Day Ceremony**

## **2012 Provost Outstanding Teaching Awards Selection Criteria**

- Teaching Philosophy
- Scholarship
- Innovation (curricular or teaching)
- Previous Teaching Awards
- Mentoring Awards
- Recognition from Peers
  - Local
  - Regional, National
- Details on Courses
  - Breadth and Number of classes taught
  - Teaching assignments/experience
- Impact Beyond Classroom
  - Impact on dept/college
  - National or international
- Student Aspects
  - Ability to engage students
  - Ability to instill critical thinking
  - Mentoring/Advising
  - Student Teaching Evaluations (Quantitative and Qualitative)
- Personal Aspects
  - Knowledge about subject
  - Passion, enthusiasm, creativity
  - Respect for Students