



Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

Policies and Procedures Academic Year 2024-2025

Important:

Please read the guidelines carefully to make sure your nominee meets **all** eligibility requirements before preparing a file for a nominee that is not eligible.

Deadlines:

1. The **nomination form only** must be submitted electronically **no later than Wednesday, October 9, 2024**.
Note to Students: If you submit a nomination form, it will then be necessary to coordinate with the nominee's department in order to prepare the nomination file.
2. The **completed PDF nomination file** must be received in the Provost's Office **no later than Wednesday, November 6, 2024**.
3. Any files received **after the November 6, 2024** deadline **will not be accepted**.

Each award has program-specific eligibility criteria; nonetheless, there are eligibility criteria common to all:

- Regardless of program, **nominees must have completed three academic years of full-time appointment (years do not need to be consecutive) at the nominating campus prior to the year of nomination.**
- Individuals serving in **part-time, or visiting capacities** – irrespective of the length of their service or amount of their involvement – are ineligible for these programs. **Full-time Clinical faculty and full-time non-tenure track faculty including the title Lecturer are eligible for nomination in the following categories: Faculty Service, Scholarship and Creative Activities, and Teaching.**

There are also circumstances that preclude nomination regardless of the program. The following are special conditions that limit eligibility and these restrictions apply to all programs:

- Individuals holding Distinguished Faculty Rank: Distinguished Librarian, Distinguished Professor, Distinguished Service Professor and Distinguished Teaching Professor – **may not be nominated for an Excellence Award in any of the categories;**
- Recipients of an Excellence Award may not be nominated for another Excellence Award within a five-year interval;
- Recipients of an Excellence Award may not be re-nominated for an award in the same category;
- Individuals holding academic appointments preceded by the designation “visiting” may not be nominated;
- The chief campus officer for academic, student, or administrative affairs, or persons serving in these capacities, may not be nominated for an Excellence Award. **Other exclusions include the following (but not limited to) as well as other comparable titles:** Direct reports to the President or Chancellor, Vice Chancellors and above, Vice Presidents and above, Vice Provosts and above, Senior Counsels and above, and the Deans of the College of Ceramics at Alfred University and the New York State Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, of Human Ecology, of Industrial and Labor Relations, and of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University;
- Individuals should not be nominated in the same season for promotion to Distinguished Faculty rank and an Excellence Award in the same category (e.g., an individual should not be nominated for a Distinguished Teaching Professorship and an Excellence in Teaching award); and
- Posthumous nominations are ineligible.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY SERVICE (EIFS)

Nature of the Program – EIFS

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service recognizes the consistently superior service contributions of teaching faculty. This service must be sustained over multiple years and may occur in a variety of venues.

Criteria for Selection – EIFS

- To be nominated, a faculty member must demonstrate consistently superior service. Eligible service contributions may occur in a variety of areas including service to the campus, the State University, the local community or contributions at the regional, state-wide, national or international levels. Eligible activities may encompass a combination of service contributions to discipline or disciplinary and professional organizations and societies; and to leadership in local or system-wide faculty governance.
- The nature of the service **must exceed** the work generally considered to be part of a candidate's basic professional obligation (professional committees, etc.) and **must include service that exceeds that for which faculty are normally compensated**. There must be positive evidence of outstanding achievement and skill in providing leadership, outreach, or other University and/or community service or extraordinary service and leadership in the nominee's professional organization.
- The scope of the service must extend over multiple years, must be geared toward effecting positive change and must involve the generous giving of personal time in service to areas previously described.
- **Candidates for this award must be full-time teaching/instructional faculty who meet, and preferably exceed, the selection criteria, and who also demonstrate initiative and creativity in exceeding these standards.**

Eligibility – EIFS

1. **Academic Background** – Candidates must regularly carry a full-time teaching load defined by the campus for full-time teaching. **(The definition of a full teaching load varies from campus to campus, but each campus should be satisfied that there can be no question that its nominee meets this criterion. Teachers of studio courses or other specialized courses in which credit hours are normally low are to be considered in terms of the full-time load normally expected for the discipline.)**
2. **The significance of having the campus define “full-time” teaching** is particularly relevant in the case of Department Chairs. Campuses frequently provide course reductions for faculty serving in such capacities. If the reduction is applied uniformly, then this reduced load becomes “full-time” for that particular position. Individuals serving in this capacity may be nominated for the award contingent upon their carrying the campus-defined, full-time teaching load for persons performing such administrative responsibilities (e.g., if a campus defines 15 hours as a full-time teaching load for full-time faculty, and 12 hours as a full-time teaching load for Department Chairs, then an individual serving as a Department Chair and teaching the 12 hours and meeting the other eligibility requirements would be eligible for nomination). **The nomination portfolio should clearly indicate that the Department Chair is carrying a campus-defined full-time teaching load as defined for Department Chairs. One caveat: except for Department Chairs, teaching requirements must constitute more than 50 percent of the position's responsibility. Otherwise, the individual should be considered for the Excellence in Professional Service Award. Please remember that Department Chairs are always considered faculty first, and it is the intent that the Professional Service category be reserved for staff.**
3. **Academic Rank** – Nominees for the award may hold any full-time academic rank as defined in SUNY Board of Trustees policies: professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor or assistant instructor, clinical professor, and full-time non-tenure track faculty including the title Lecturer are eligible for nomination).
4. **Length of Service** – Nominees must have completed at least three academic years of full-time service out of the five years on the home campus immediately prior to the year of nomination.

FORMAT OF EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY SERVICE NOMINATION FILE

1. Nominator's letter.
2. Current and detailed curriculum vitae.
3. **Supporting Statements:** Letters of recommendation from the nominee's supervisors/chairperson and colleagues, and constituents, if appropriate. Statements should address the nominee's most outstanding qualifications and specific major achievements, with reference to the criteria for these awards. **No more than 15 statements may be submitted.** Letters emailed to the nominator are acceptable.
4. **Summary Presentation:** The **file must** include, in **ESSAY FORMAT (not letter format, not written in the first person, not addressed to the committee, not signed)**, a summary, limited to a maximum of 5 pages, which gives the candidate's most outstanding qualifications and major achievements and addresses *specifically* how the candidate *excels* in each of the award's selection criteria.
 - **Important:** After the campus selection committee makes its recommendations to the President, **only the summary presentation and CV** will be submitted to SUNY to make the case for the nominee. SUNY does not see the nomination file.

****No nomination files will be accepted after the Wednesday, November 6, 2024 deadline.**