

Greetings,

The Faculty Advisory Council is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2026 Faculty Excellence Awards. Nominations must be submitted by **March 6, 2026**, and award recipients will be recognized at the Faculty Awards Reception on April 30, 2026.

Faculty members are encouraged to nominate a qualified colleague or submit a self-nomination. Nominations may be submitted using the [Faculty Excellence Awards Nomination Form](#). The following awards are open for nomination:

- Regents Professor Award – TAMU System Award
  - The Regents Award recognizes faculty whose careers exemplify achievement in teaching, research, scholarship and service. Careful consideration is given to nominees whose sustained contributions have produced long-term values and whose work reflects distinction beyond routine expectations.
  - Award recipient will receive a commemorative medallion and cash stipend.
  - Nominee will be a full-time, tenured, faculty member who has held the rank of professor for not less than five consecutive years within an A&M System university or agency.
  
- William L. Mayo Professorship Award
  - The William L. Mayo Professorship Award recognizes a faculty member who epitomizes the goals of Professor Mayo's motto: "Ceaseless Industry, Fearless Investigation, Unfettered Thought, and Unselfish Service to Others." This award will be presented to an exceptional faculty member who has distinguished record of performing in an outstanding manner, primarily in teaching, but also in scholarship and service to the university community.
  - Award recipient will receive a commemorative medallion and cash stipend.
  - Nominee will be a full-time, tenured, faculty member, holding the rank of professor, not on an administrative appointment.
  
- Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Awards for Teaching
  - The Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Awards for Teaching provide recognition and a monetary award for individuals who have performed in an outstanding manner in teaching.
  - Nominee will be a tenured or non-tenured tenure-track professor in a non-administrative position.
  
- H.M. Lafferty Distinguished Faculty Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity

- The H.M. Lafferty Distinguished Faculty Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity provides recognition and a monetary award for an individual who has performed in an outstanding manner in scholarship and/or creative activity.
- Nominee will be a tenured or non-tenured tenure-track professor in a non-administrative position.
  
- Neill Humfeld Distinguished Faculty Award for Service
  - The Neill Humfeld Distinguished Faculty Award for Service provides recognition and a monetary award for an individual who has performed in an outstanding manner in service to the university and his or her college and department.
  - Nominee will be a tenured or non-tenured tenure-track professor in a non-administrative position.
  
- Faculty Recognition Awards for Professional Excellence
  - The Professional Excellence awards provide recognition and monetary awards for individuals who have upheld the highest standards of excellence in the areas identified by each award.
  - The five award categories are:
    - Teaching Excellence
    - “Ceaseless Industry” award for Excellence in Scholarship
    - “Fearless Investigation” award for Excellence in Research.
    - “Unfettered Thought” award for Excellence in Creative Activity.
    - “Unselfish Service” award for Excellence in Service.
  - Nominees for the Professional Excellence awards may be any variety of instructor or faculty member at any rank, tenure-track or non-tenure-track.