

University College Distinguished Faculty Award

The University College Faculty Development and Awards Committee (FDAC) is pleased to announce the University College Distinguished Faculty Award for 2017. The Distinguished Faculty Award is designed to encourage, reward, and publicly acknowledge sustained excellence in Teaching, Professional Service, and/or Research and Creative Activity by members of the College's faculty.

Eligibility: Any full-time permanent faculty member with a minimum of two consecutive years of service at KSU is eligible to apply for this award. College award winners are eligible to reapply once every five years.

Award Amount: A plaque and a **\$1,500.00** stipend for professional travel, supplies, research, etc. Funds will be available after July 1, 2017.

Number and Frequency of Awards: One award may be presented annually. However, if there are a lack of outstanding candidates, an award may not be granted.

Award Criteria: The University College Faculty Development Awards Committee will look for originality, creativity, and productivity. The candidate must demonstrate a sustained record of excellence and distinction in teaching, professional service, and/or research and creative activity.

Teaching: Factors to be considered will include teaching load, course level, and some form of the evaluation of teaching from students and colleagues. The following are non-ranked examples of accomplishments that may be included as evidence:

- Evidence of consistent excellent teaching;
- Student success and/or accomplishments;
- Advising and/or mentoring of students (e.g., internships, directed studies, study abroad);
- Mentoring of other faculty;
- Evidence of reflective teaching;
- Intellectually rigorous, creative, and engaging pedagogy;
- Teaching workshops, invited talks, or presentations;
- External awards and recognitions by local, national, and international organizations for teaching excellence;
- Sustained contributions to curriculum development, and/or innovative instructional techniques and technologies.

Professional Service: There should be substantial evidence that a nominee's service activities have had a noteworthy positive effect at the college, university community, regional, or national level. The following are non-ranked examples of accomplishments that may be included as evidence:

- Providing the benefits of their expertise to community organizations;
- Making public professional appearances or performances;
- Consulting with governmental agencies, business industries, educational systems, community service or arts organizations;
- Serving on College and University committees and councils;

- Participating in the recruitment and professional placement of students;
- Serving as an officer or committee member in organizations related to the area of professional expertise;
- Campus service at the department, college or university level;
- Contributions at the local community level or the regional, state, national or international levels;
- Discipline or disciplinary professional organizations and societies;
- Leadership in local or system-wide faculty governance.

Research and Creative Activity: Factors to be considered will also include the scope and difficulty of the research/creative activity, degree of innovation and independent thought, development of new ideas, techniques, and methodology, and the significance of the candidate's research to her/his field. The Committee will also evaluate the continued active involvement of the nominee and the promise of future accomplishments. The following are non-ranked examples of accomplishments that may be included as evidence:

- Peer-reviewed publications;
- Record of research grants and contracts;
- Conference presentations and contributions;
- Development of instructional tools;
- Dissemination of scholarly work or creative activities to the appropriate audiences and professional groups through, for example, the presentation of seminars, workshops, and invited talks;
- External awards and recognitions by local, national, and international organizations for scholarly and creative achievements;
- Inclusion of research and scholarly work which results in instruction and/or course development and improvement;
- Leadership in developing new areas of scholarship and creativity;
- Overall contributions to the advancement, application, or pedagogy of a discipline or interdisciplinary studies.

Application Process: Please email a single electronic copy (PDF only) to UCFDAC@kennesaw.edu including the following application materials:

1. A cover page that includes the applicant's name, rank, department, and the award for which the materials are forwarded;
2. A current copy of a curriculum vitae;
3. A narrative of no more than 5 double-spaced pages (1 in. margins; 12-point font) that highlights her/his strengths and accomplishments over the last two to five years at KSU in relation to the award criteria;
4. Supporting documentation of no more than 10 single-sided pages.

Evaluation Procedure: The University College Faculty Development Awards Committee will evaluate applications for this award.

The University College FDAC will not consider late or incomplete applications.

Application Portfolio Deadline: Friday, March 24, 2017 at 5:00 pm