University College
Excellence in Teaching Award

The University College Faculty Development and Awards Committee (FDAC) is pleased to announce the University College Excellence in Teaching Award for 2020. The Excellence in Teaching Award is designed to encourage, reward, and publicly acknowledge excellence in Teaching by members of the College’s faculty. This is an award designed to encourage faculty with recognition of their dedication to our students in the classroom.

**Eligibility:** Any full-time permanent faculty member with a minimum of one (1) year of service at KSU is eligible to apply for this award. College award winners are eligible to reapply once every five years. Applicants may be self-nominated or nominated by a colleague.

**Award Amount:** A plaque and a **$500.00** stipend for professional travel, supplies, research, etc. Funds will be available after July 1, 2020.

**Number and Frequency of Awards:** One award may be presented annually. However, if there is 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 innovation in teaching. The candidate must demonstrate a record of excellence and distinction in 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:

- An active and positive record of service to students as an academic, professional, or personal advisor. Inherent in this role is the assumption that the nominee is readily and willingly available to students for advice and guidance;
- Active involvement in faculty development programs (such as research, continuing study, self-initiated study, academic short courses, etc.), and successful application of the knowledge and skills in his/her teaching;
- Development of innovative course offerings or programs of study providing enhanced educational opportunities for students within or outside of the classroom. These courses or programs should be of a high level of professional quality;
- Development of innovative teaching techniques and regular application of these techniques in the classroom;
- Development of strategies to enhance, strengthen and encourage student engagement in the learning process;
- Demonstration of sensitivity to and respect for student inquiry and discussion, both in and out of the classroom;
- Presentation of course materials in an interesting, stimulating, and scholarly manner;
- Presentation of pertinent, timely, and reliable knowledge relative to the coursework, as well as the relationships between and across related areas of study;
- Advising and/or mentoring of students (e.g., internships, directed studies, study abroad);
• 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.

**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 two (2) double-spaced pages (1 in. margins; 12-point font) that highlights her/his strengths and accomplishments at KSU in relation to the award criteria;
4. Supporting documentation of no more than 10 single-sided pages. This can include a one (1) page of active links that support evidence of teaching for review.
5. A letter of support from the applicant's department chair or course coordinator.

**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:** Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 11:59 pm