Teaching Awards

The University of Texas at Austin and the College of Liberal Arts recognize excellence in teaching through a number of University-wide and College-wide awards.

Nomination Process

Departments determine their own internal process for identifying candidate nominees. Nominations are submitted by the faculty candidate’s home department, unless the award allows for self-nominations or is a student-nominated award. Nominations will also be accepted from non-departmental degree-granting units with approval of the faculty candidate’s home department chair. Faculty with equally split (50/50) appointments may be nominated by either department.

*Please note, the School for Undergraduate Studies (UGS) may nominate faculty candidates for the President’s Associates Teaching Excellence Awards. Faculty candidates may be nominated by UGS without the endorsement of the home department.

Core Eligibility

A faculty member must have a continuing appointment at The University of Texas at Austin in the year subsequent to their selection.

University-Wide Teaching Awards

- Academy of Distinguished Teachers Award
- Dads’ Association Centennial Teaching Fellowships
- Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship (student-nominated; not open at this time)
- Jean Holloway Award for Excellence in Teaching (student-nominated; not open at this time)
- Joe and Bettie Branson Ward Excellence Award (every 3 years; not open for 2022-23)
- Minnie Stevens Piper Professorship
- Provost’s Distinguished Service Academy (self-nomination submitted directly by the candidate)
- President’s Associates Graduate Teaching Excellence Award
- President’s Associates Teaching Excellence Awards
- Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Awards
- UT System Academy of Distinguished Teachers
- William David Blunk Memorial Professorship

Liberal Arts Teaching Awards

- Harry Ransom Award for Teaching Excellence
- Josefina Paredes Endowed Teaching Award
- Leslie Waggener Centennial Teaching Fellowship
- Raymond Dickson Centennial Endowed Teaching Fellowship

More information about 2023-24 Teaching Awards

- Teaching Awards Best Practices: contains tips for selecting candidates and compiling nomination files
- Provost’s Office Teaching Awards Information