

# FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Dalton State College is committed to excellence and believes it is vital to celebrate and honor a faculty member's contributions and dedication to student achievement. The Dalton State College Foundation sponsors three Faculty Excellence Awards: Teaching, Scholarship & Professional Development, and Service, each of which includes a \$1,000 cash award. Each department, or school in the case of no separate departments, may nominate one faculty member for each award. Departments and schools may determine their own internal selection process.

## CRITERIA

- Each year a faculty member may be nominated for only one award (e.g., a faculty member cannot be a school's or department's nominee in more than one category).
- A faculty member who has won an award in a given category is not eligible to be re-nominated for the same award for a period of seven years. For instance, if a faculty member won the teaching award in 2013, he or she would not be eligible for nomination of the same award until 2021.
- A faculty member may be re-nominated for the same award the following year if they did not win.
- Nominees must have **completed** at least three years of service as a full-time faculty member at DSC and do not have to be tenure-track. Deans or chairs must verify years of service before the nomination is submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs.
- Deans and Chairs are not eligible for these awards.

## REQUIREMENTS

Nomination package, including letters, should not exceed 5 pages. Supporting evidence, such as teaching evaluations, does not have to be copied and included but can be described or quoted in the letter.

Nomination packages **must** include the following:

- ✓ a letter of nomination by a colleague
- ✓ a letter of support from the faculty member's direct supervisor
- ✓ evidence of excellence in at least four of the evidentiary sources listed

Complete nomination packages are due to the Provost/VPAA's office, typically by the beginning of April (electronic form or paper). The nomination packets will be delivered to the Faculty Excellence Award Committee. Excellence Award recipients will be recognized at the April Campus Assembly.

## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING – EVIDENTIARY SOURCES

- Average student evaluation scores greater than the average for the department/school
- Peer evaluation(s) of teaching based on direct observation

- Creative use of technology in the classroom
- Innovative instructional method(s)
- Creation of new course(s)
- Leadership in the creation of a new academic program
- Collaboration with student services to integrate in and out of classroom experiences
- Team-teaching or collaboration with faculty in another area on a course
- Incorporation of service-learning/civic engagement component into the course
- Incorporation of multicultural perspectives/experiences into course
- Recipient an award for teaching
- Letters from former students related to the impact of classroom experience
- Leading a learning community
- Teaching in a study abroad program

### **EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – EVIDENTIARY SOURCES**

- Publication(s) in a peer-reviewed professional journal
- Publication of a book
- Presentation(s) at a professional conference
- Invited speaker/performance at a professional conference or similar event
- Leadership in planning a conference
- Leadership in professional organization
- Attainment of advanced degree
- Attainment of professional credential
- Grant proposal(s) prepared/awarded
- Consultant for work/project requiring discipline-based expertise
- Administrative responsibilities in addition to a faculty role
- Participation in at least four professional development opportunities per year
- Recipient of an award from a professional organization
- Positive written review(s) of scholarly work from peers

### **EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE – EVIDENTIARY SOURCES**

- Service on a Board of Regents advisory committee or task force
- Chair of a major college/school/department committee that has a demonstrable impact
- Service on at least three active college/school/department committees per year
- Chair of a major committee for accreditation (SACS or discipline-specific)
- Sponsorship of a student group/club
- Service on a Board for a professional or community organization
- Advising at a level greater than that of other faculty members in department/school
- Leadership in planning activities/events that enrich campus/community life
- Service as a faculty mentor to a colleague(s)
- Recipient of an award for service from the college or community
- Participation in First-Year or Perspective course experience or activity
- Tutoring students at DSC and/or local schools
- Active involvement in at least two community activities per year that require discipline expertise

## **FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Faculty Excellence Awards committee is to determine the annual recipients of the Dalton State College Foundation Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Scholarship & Professional Development, and Service to be presented at the Campus Assembly in April of each year.

**Composition:** The Faculty Excellence Awards Committee shall be composed of the following:

- Faculty Senator (1).
- Full-time Faculty members who have completed three years of service: School of Arts & Sciences (2), School of Education (1), School of Health Professions (1), Wright School of Business (1).
- Students who have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 on at least 30 hours of academic work: School of Arts & Sciences (2), School of Education (1), School of Health Professions (1), Wright School of Business (1).
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (non-voting member).