Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi presents an annual "Excellence in Creative Activity" Award to honor superior creative activities and to provide models of excellence for fellow faculty. Creative contributions include, but are not limited to: painting, sculpture, film, drama, musical composition, choreography, scientific discovery, an invention, poetry, a novel, creative reporting, and creative media programming.

Award

The winner of the University "Excellence in Creative Activity" Award will be recognized annually at the appropriate award ceremony and receive a $1,000 cash award. The second place winner will receive a cash award of $250 and also be recognized at the awards ceremony. Each winner will also be presented with a memento of the award. Note: winning entries that are comprised of teams will have the monetary awards divided equally among members.

Awardees may be asked to share their creative work with the broader Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi community, with other Texas A&M University System campuses, and the community at large.

Eligibility

All candidates are required to be in at least their 5th year of service with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi at the time of their application. Candidates who won the award in the previous year are not eligible for a consecutive award.

Nominations

Nominations from a full range of instructional settings at Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi are encouraged. All campus faculty, students, chairs, directors, deans, and staff members may nominate individuals for this prize. Faculty self-nominations are also encouraged.

A one-page nomination form is available at http://cfe.tamucc.edu/ExcellenceAwards.php. Nominations will be reviewed by the Faculty Senate’s Awards, Bylaws and Elections (ABE) Committee. A list of finalists will be selected and invited to submit a portfolio of documentation. The portfolio may be submitted either electronically (faculty.senate@tamucc.edu) or in hardcopy form to the Faculty Senate Office, Library room 218.

Finalist portfolios should include the following:
- current vitae
- a 1-2 page narrative describing the nature of their creative activity using non-technical terms
- examples of creative materials (e.g., portfolio, web links, and video clips)
- explanation of the conceptualization process
- evidence of the reception of creative activity, such as reviews, letters of support, peer-critiques
Selection Criteria

The Excellence in Creative Activity Award will be based on:

- originality
- contribution to the specific field
- potential for widespread use within or across disciplines
- Other criteria deemed appropriate by the committee

The ABE committee will review the portfolios and send a ranked list of finalists to the provost’s office for selection of the first and second place winners.

Timeline 2016-2017

- November 2, 2016: Competition begins
- Noon, January 24, 2017: Nomination forms due
- Noon, February 24, 2017: Final applications due
- Mid-April, 2017: Awardees recognized

Questions: Please contact Dr. Joseph S. Mollick, Chair, Awards, Bylaws and Elections (ABE) Committee of the Faculty Senate, joseph.mollick@tamucc.edu.