

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING INNOVATION AWARD

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi presents an annual "Excellence in Teaching Innovation" Award to honor original, specific teaching innovations designed to improve student learning, as opposed to a more comprehensive review of an individual instructor's overall excellence in teaching. In particular, the award has been established to recognize faculty who have developed an innovative teaching project, e.g., new uses of instructional technology, new ways to engage students in the learning process, new approaches to student collaboration, or new methods for replicating the advantages of a small course in a large lecture. It has also been established to encourage the dissemination of best practices by sharing promising innovations more broadly with the faculty.

Award

The winner of the University "Excellence in Teaching Innovation" 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 innovations 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 (team or individual) need to be full-time faculty in at least their 2nd 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, administrators, 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 innovative project

- examples of teaching materials (e.g., portfolio, web links, and video clips) related to the project
- evidence of impact on student learning and attitudes, including letters of support from current or past students

Selection Criteria

The Excellence in Teaching Innovation Award will be based on:

- originality, innovativeness
- potential for impact on teaching, student learning and/or retention
- potential for widespread use within or across disciplines

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

<i>November 2, 2016</i>	Competition begins
<i>Noon, January 27, 2017</i>	Nomination forms due
<i>Noon, February 24, 2017</i>	Final applications due
<i>Mid-April, 2017</i>	Awardees recognized

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