



To: The University Community

From: JoAnne A. Epps, Executive Vice President and Provost

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Re: The Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching

Date: August 19, 2020

Each year, Temple University is pleased to recognize teaching excellence by awarding Lindback Teaching Awards to deserving faculty. Temple University has highly talented and dedicated faculty who, on a daily basis, help to enrich the lives of our students through quality instruction, research/creative work, and service. The President and I invite nominations for the 2020-2021 Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award.

In working with the Lindback Foundation and in establishing its own set of internal faculty awards, Temple University seeks to recognize the truly outstanding accomplishments and exceptional individual achievements of its faculty. The Lindback Awards for Distinguished Teaching are intended to recognize and honor those faculty members who epitomize the highest levels of sustained teaching excellence in the classroom, in the research laboratory or in the clinical setting.

Each school/college is eligible to nominate one individual for consideration in 2020-2021. In 2021, up to six faculty will be recognized for their excellence in teaching. Criteria for the awards are attached. Nomination materials should be submitted electronically (via Canvas) to the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs by Friday, October 30, 2020.

These awards provide a wonderful opportunity to recognize our faculty for their accomplishments in teaching. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and look forward to reviewing many excellent applications.

The Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching

Purpose

The Lindback Awards for Distinguished Teaching were established with the help of the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation and recognize academic excellence and outstanding teaching. The number of awards may vary from year to year. Each Lindback Award Winner receives a framed certificate and a monetary award.

Eligibility

The Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching is open to all full-time University faculty who meet the criteria stated below. No faculty member may receive this award more than once.

Criteria

Nominees for the award are expected to have demonstrated excellence and originality in teaching at Temple, as shown by:

1. Mastery of the subject area;
2. Development of effective and innovative methods and materials for teaching university students;
3. Continuous efforts to evaluate and improve one's own teaching;
4. Development of new courses and/or modalities of instruction;
5. Academic and professional achievements of students;
6. Effective relationships with students.

Nomination Procedures

Each school and college may nominate one individual each academic year for consideration for a Lindback Award. Candidates not selected for the award may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

Nomination Packets

The following materials should be submitted electronically (some materials, such as books or journals, may be submitted in hard copy):

- A letter of nomination written by a representative of the committee involved in selecting the nominee. The letter of nomination should speak to each of the criteria above;
- The nominee's curriculum vitae;
- A statement of the nominee's teaching philosophy;
- A chronological list of all courses taught by the nominee since coming to Temple;

- Teaching evaluation summaries for the past three to five years;
- Written reports of peer evaluations of teaching and/or evidence of skillful direction of graduate student research; effective supervision of research students; and/or skill in leading seminars/presentations/workshops;
- Testimonials and/or letters of recommendation from past or current students, alumni, colleagues. Such letters must be solicited by an individual other than the nominee and should be sent directly to the nominee's department;
- Other documents and materials that have direct bearing on the nominee's teaching achievements;
- A detailed description of the Lindback Awards Committee selection process for the School/College. This description should include a list of those involved in selecting the nominee, with student members of the group clearly identified. All Temple University School/College Lindback Award Committees must ensure the participation of undergraduate, graduate and professional students in the nomination and selection process.

Schedule

The time schedule for submitting and reviewing nominations is set forth below:

August 2020

A University-wide announcement is made to solicit nominations for the award.

October 30, 2020

Nomination materials are due electronically (via Canvas) to the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs from school deans' offices. Early submissions are encouraged and appreciated. Faculty should note that their dean's office may set a deadline in advance of this date for nomination materials to be submitted for their consideration.

November-December 2020

The Lindback Awards Committee conducts its review and makes its recommendation to the Provost. The Provost then informs awardees, and later the public.

March 2021

Faculty Awards Ceremony