

Connecticut State University System 2011-12 Trustees *Teaching*¹ Awards

General Information

The awards are given to faculty who have distinguished themselves as outstanding teachers for the past five years, and have a minimum of two-year track record of promoting instructional improvements in their programs/departments.

Eligibility

Tenure-track or tenured Assistant and Associate Professors.

Nominees must be in good standing for continuation of contract with the university.

A recipient of the Trustees *Teaching* Award in a given year is not eligible for nomination to the same award in the following three years.

Number of Awards

The CSUS Board of Trustees will confer a total of five awards: four University-Level Awards, receiving \$1,000 each, and a System-Level Award, chosen among the four university awards, to receive an additional \$1,000.

Nominations

Nominees are expected to demonstrate strong evidence of excellence and effectiveness in teaching, including the promotion of collegial interactions at the program, department and/or school levels, and in the use of assessment of student learning outcomes to improve the educational process.

Departments and programs are encouraged to nominate women, faculty of color, and members of other groups historically underrepresented in their discipline.

Source of Nominations

Nominations may originate from: Deans, Directors, Departments/Program Heads and other academic administrators, award committees, individual faculty members or self nominations. Regardless of source, nominations must be coordinated through, and endorsed by, the appropriate academic unit (e.g., Dean's office, departmental or program office). Support materials are to be principally produced by the nominee, and endorsements and submission made as stated in the companion Coversheet and Instructions document.

Selection Process

University Level Awards

Each university will establish a process for reviewing submissions and selecting *a single candidate* to the University-Level Award. The Provost/Vice Presidents of

¹ Public Act 11-48 makes the Board of Regents (BOR) the governing body for the Connecticut State University System. *The BOR serves as the CSUS Board of Trustees* and assumes its existing powers and duties for the operation of the constituent unit. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00061-R00HB-06652-PA.htm>

Academic Affairs will appoint the appropriate committee to conduct this university-level review. Once a candidate has been identified, the nomination with support materials will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for a final decision. Submission of more than one nominee from any university will result in the disqualification of all submitted names from that institution.

A university may determine that none of the nominations received in a given year are sufficiently compelling to justify a nomination for the University-Level award, and will communicate this decision accordingly.

System Level Award

The nominee for the System-Level Award will be selected by the Committee of CSU Professors from the group of four nominees in the University-Level Awards. The Committee of CSU Professors will forward its recommendation to the Board of Trustees for final decision.

Awards Publicity

Per Trustees' directive, the Chancellor will work with the Campus Presidents to ensure that maximum visibility is given to this competition and the awardees in local and statewide print and electronic media.

2011-12 Timeline

September 8, 2011	Call for nominations
October 17	Recommended date for an intent to nominate notice to be sent to the university Provost/Academic Affairs Vice President
December 12	Nominations due to the local review committee at each university
December 12, 2011 to February 21, 2012	University committee conducts reviews submits one nominee to the Provost/Academic Vice President
February 22	Universities <i>submit recommendations and support materials in electronic format</i> to System Office (bermudezg@ct.edu)
February 23 to March 16	The Committee of CSU University Professors reviews the university-level recommendations and selects the System-Level Award nominee
April (Date TBA)	Final confirmation, approval and award presentation at the Board of Regents regular meeting