



Distinguished Faculty Awards Application Criteria

The College of Science and Mathematics Awards Committee reviews all applications for the distinguished faculty awards in the following categories: Distinguished Professor, Mentoring, Scholarship, Service, and Teaching. Each academic department within the college may submit one application packet per category. While not required, academic departments are encouraged to submit an applicant for each category. The selection process for identifying applicants to represent the department is at the sole discretion of the department. The Deadline for the application packets is always the third Friday of April. Department committee chair is responsible for submitting all applications electronically to SciMathDean@kennesaw.edu.

For Mentoring, Scholarship, Service and Teaching awards, the application will consist of:

- A narrative (not to exceed four pages)
- A targeted curriculum vitae focusing on those items most relevant to the award category (not to exceed five pages)
- Supporting documentation (not to exceed five pages)

For the Distinguished Professor nominees, the application will consist of:

- A narrative (not to exceed five pages)
- A full curriculum vitae (no page limit)
- Supporting documentation (not to exceed ten pages)

Departmental awardees in each category are eligible to apply to the college level for the year of the nomination and the subsequent year. Once a faculty member has received the distinguished teaching, scholarship, service or mentoring award at the college level, he or she will not be eligible for the same award category for five years. Past recipients of the Distinguished Professor award are not eligible. The subsequent pages provide more details on the specific criteria for each award.

Distinguished Mentoring Award Criteria

The principal college and campus award for mentorship is the Distinguished Mentoring Award. Mentoring may take many forms, ranging from providing resources for learning and development to forming professional relationships with students and colleagues. A primary focus of all mentoring is the development of ideas and an understanding of a discipline. A mentoring relationship leads to the creation of new ideas and construction of knowledge and encourages both the mentor and mentee to engage in reflection and scholarly activities. Faculty challenges the mentees by setting high expectations for the quality of the mentee's work and the development and achievement of their long-term goals. Faculty invites students and colleagues to engage in a mentoring relationship through their actions during teaching, supervising, and other professional activities and serves as a resource for information and materials for professional development for students and/or colleagues. Faculty mentor students in order to attract them to a discipline, retain them in degree programs, and enhance their professional success. Faculty mentors colleagues in order to retain them at KSU and help them develop professional expertise.

Mentoring Award criteria are:

- **Full-time lecturer, tenured or tenure-track faculty member who has completed a minimum of three full consecutive academic years in your discipline at Kennesaw State University when nominated.**
- **Consistent excellent performance in mentoring as evidenced by:**
 - Type of mentoring activity
 - Commitment to the quality of the mentoring provided
 - Breadth and depth of the mentoring activity (e.g., number of mentees, accomplishments of mentees)

- **Evidence of sustained leadership in multiple mentoring activities, or evidence of outstanding leadership in a major mentoring activity.**
- **Impact and significance of the mentoring activity as evidenced by:**
 - Perceived importance of the mentoring by others (e.g. students, colleagues)
 - Contribution to the overall mentoring environment within the college
 - Public recognition, etc...

Distinguished Scholarship Award Criteria

The principal college and campus award for excellence in research, scholarship, and creative activity is the Distinguished Scholarship Award. Scholarship is the term used to encompass a diverse and multidimensional array of research and creative activities through which faculty make significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge, understanding, problem solving, aesthetics, and pedagogy. Award criteria are:

- **Full-time lecturer, tenured or tenure-track faculty member who has completed a minimum of three full consecutive academic years in your discipline at Kennesaw State University when nominated.**
- **Consistent excellent performance in scholarship and/or creative activity as evidenced by:**
 - Level of activity in and commitment to scholarship and/or creative activity
 - Quality of scholarship and/or creative activities
 - Strength and depth of expertise
- **Evidenced of sustained leadership in the advancement of scholarship and/or creative activity that exhibits:**
 - Dissemination and adoption of one's scholarship and/or creative activity by others
 - Mentoring other faculty and students
 - Sharing expertise with others
 - Holding positions that recognize the nominee's scholarship and/or creative activity
- **Impact and significance of scholarly and/or creative work by:**
 - Publications
 - Performances
 - Creative works
 - Grants and contracts
 - Citations by other professions
 - Adoptions, etc.

Distinguished Service Award Criteria

The principal college and university award for excellence in service is the Distinguished Service Award. Service activities must be tied directly to one's special field of knowledge and relate to, and flow directly out of, this professional activity. Award criteria are:

- **Full-time lecturer, tenured or tenure-track faculty member who has completed a minimum of three full consecutive academic years in your discipline at Kennesaw State University when nominated.**
- **Consistent excellent performance in professional service as evidenced by:**
 - Level of professional service activity
 - Commitment to the quality of the service provided
 - Breadth and depth of the service record
- **Evidence of sustained leadership in multiple professional service activities, or, in exceptional cases, evidence of outstanding leadership in a major service activity.**
- **Impact and significance of professional service as evidenced by:**
 - Perceived importance of work by others

- Contribution to organizational improvement and advancement
- Public recognition, etc.

Distinguished Teaching Award Criteria

The principal college and university award for excellence in teaching is the Distinguished Teaching Award. Teaching engages both teachers and students in learning through group instruction, individual instruction, student supervision, mentoring, advising, counseling and curricular or pedagogical innovation. Award criteria are:

- **Full-time lecturer, tenured or tenure-track faculty member who has completed a minimum of three full consecutive academic years in your discipline at Kennesaw State University when nominated.**
- **Consistent excellent performance in teaching, mentoring, and/or supervision as evidenced by:**
 - Student success and appreciation
 - Peer and/or administrative review
 - Student accomplishments
- **Evidence of innovative pedagogy that:**
 - Exhibits creativity
 - Facilitates student learning
 - Honors individuality and diversity
 - Addresses current practice, trends, and issues
- **Sustained impact on teaching and the improvement of instructions and curriculum by:**
 - Disseminating and adopting effective teaching practices
 - Developing special projects and curricula
 - Mentoring other faculty
 - Sharing teaching expertise with others

Distinguished Professor Award Criteria

The Distinguished Professor criteria focuses on the integration of all of the previous categories listed above. The nominee must address the innovative ways that he or she integrates teaching/mentoring, scholarship, and professional service into his or her overall performance as a distinguished professor at the senior rank. The applicant must be a full-time tenured Associate or Full Professor, who has completed a minimum of five full consecutive academic years in your discipline at Kennesaw State University when nominated.

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