Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi presents an annual “Excellence in Teaching” Award to honor those faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in classroom teaching and who have shown a genuine concern for students outside the classroom.

**Award**

The winner of the University “Excellence in Teaching” 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.

Award winners may be asked to share their teaching experiences 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, 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](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 Dr. Bradley Shope at the Center For Faculty Excellence, CCH 115B.

Finalist portfolios should include the following:

- current vitae
- a 1-2 page narrative describing teaching philosophy, experiences and classroom innovations
- three letters of commendation from colleagues and/or students
- copies of student evaluations
- evidence of work with students outside the classroom
- copies of syllabi
Selection Criteria

The Excellence in Teaching Award will be based on:

- originality and creativity in classroom teaching
- evidence of impact on teaching, student learning and/or retention
- evidence of work with students inside and outside the classroom

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 2014-2015

- December 16, 2014: Competition begins
- Noon, February 16, 2015: Nomination forms due
- March 5, 2015: Finalists notified
- Noon, March 26, 2015: Final applications due
- Mid-April, 2015: Awardees recognized

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