

San José State University  
Faculty Awards Nomination Criteria  
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OUTSTANDING LECTURER AWARD

Purpose of the Award: To recognize a lecturer for excellence in teaching effectiveness, service to the San José State campus community, and commitment that goes beyond classroom teaching.

Criteria

*1. Excellence in Facilitating Student Learning*

- Shows evidence of excellence in facilitating student learning through SOTE scores, other student evaluations, peer evaluations, external reviews, etc.
- Teaches or provides assistance for a variety of courses.
- Teaches a course designed by them at the request of their department or college.
- Plays a key role in the design of: curriculum, tutorials, learning objectives, assessment procedures, lab set up or operations, or a departmental, college or university project or initiative.
- Serves as a mentor to other educational professionals.

*2. Commitment to Students*

- Advises students through student organizations and/or other projects.
- Participates in student orientation and advisement activities.
- Mentors students regarding career and graduate school considerations.
- Engages in service to the campus and/or profession that benefits students.

*3. Contributions Beyond Teaching*

- Service on university, college and/or department committees or projects that provide a meaningful benefit to the campus.
- Service to the campus or profession that demonstrates leadership and initiative.
- High quality scholarship, performances, or creative activities.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Purpose of the Award: To recognize a faculty member for exemplary service in a leadership capacity to the University and/or the community or profession that brings credit to San José State University.

### Criteria

#### *1. Contribution to the SJSU Mission*

- The faculty member's contributions fall within one or more types of service to the campus. Examples of service include, but are not limited to, contributions through committee work; student outreach and retention; application of expertise to benefit the University and its community through participation in university and community organizations, professional associations, academic and other governance bodies, California Faculty Association, and appropriate governmental boards and commissions; advancement of public support for the University; and lectures and seminars to community groups.
- The faculty member's service provides a meaningful benefit to the campus.
- The faculty member is able to involve members of the SJSU community in the service activity.

#### *2. Significant Contribution*

- The faculty member's service has a significant effect on the campus, professional, or broader communities.
- The faculty member's service demonstrates leadership and initiative.

#### *3. On-Going Commitment*

- The faculty member has made a consistent contribution of service.
- The faculty member's service record represents multiple years of commitment.

## OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR AWARD

Purpose of the Award: To recognize a faculty member for overall excellence in teaching and service to students.

### Criteria

### *1. Teaching Excellence*

- Shows evidence of teaching excellence demonstrated through SOTE scores, other student evaluations, peer evaluations, external reviews, etc.
- Teaches a variety of courses.
- Participates in professional and scholarly activities that enhance teaching ability and currency in the discipline.
- Serves as a mentor to other educational professionals.

### *2. Commitment to Students*

- Advises students through student organizations, theses, and/or other projects.
- Participates in student orientation and advisement activities.
- Mentors students regarding career and graduate school considerations.
- Engages in service to the campus and/or profession that benefits students.

## PRESIDENT'S SCHOLAR AWARD

Purpose of the Award: To recognize a faculty member who has achieved widespread recognition based on the quality of scholarship, performances, or creative activities.

### Criteria

- Strong history of scholarship and creative activities.
- Recognition of outstanding achievements by peers.
- Importance of the work to the discipline and beyond.