

Visionary Community Service-Learning Award

Nature of the Award. One faculty member each year is awarded the Visionary Community Service-Learning Award. The award is generously supported by the Office of Community Engagement (<http://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/community-engagement>) and carries a prize of \$1,200.

The award is intended to honor the faculty member who has made the most outstanding contribution to the betterment of students and the community through a service-learning class or classes. Service-Learning combines explicit academic learning objectives, preparation, and reflection with meaningful work in the community. Students participating in community service-learning provide direct service, education and outreach, research and/or policy analysis to schools, nonprofits, and/or public organizations as part of their requirement for academic credit, while the professor assists and guides them to understand the connection between the tasks they perform and their academic course work.

Eligibility. All members of the faculty (Unit 3) of California State University, Northridge – full-time and part-time faculty, faculty participating in the Faculty Early Retirement Program, and emeritus faculty – are eligible for this award. An individual may receive the award more than once provided each award is based on a different set of accomplishments. **Only accomplishments that have been carried out while the individual was a CSUN faculty member or a CSUN Emeritus faculty and within the past ten years qualify for consideration.** The nominee must be the professor of record for the service-learning course(s) or opportunities and have weekly contact with the service project.

Criteria. The selection committee will consider the following criteria:

- outstanding and ongoing leadership during the service-learning course(s) in guiding students to perform meaningful community service
- significant and ongoing impact in addressing a community problem through student service aligned with a service course(s), which may be direct service, policy analysis, education or outreach
- dedication demonstrated through artifacts (e.g. syllabi, reflection journals, letters) that document enhanced student learning through community service-learning
- contribution to the field of service-learning through dissemination of information through publication or presentation

Nominating procedure. Nominations for this award will be accepted from any interested person or organization – students, student organizations, fellow faculty, administrators, staff, relatives, friends, alumni or community member. **The nominator should determine that the nominee agrees to be nominated, prior to submitting the nomination form.** Candidates for this award may also nominate themselves. A nomination requires submission of the Faculty Award Nomination Form. A letter of nomination and additional supporting materials are due one month after the nomination deadline. The nominee may also submit supporting materials. Please arrange the supporting materials so the file is clear on how the nominee meets each criterion. In order to facilitate review, if using sheet protectors, please insert only one page per sheet protector.

Deadlines. The deadline for receipt of nominations is **February 15, 2019**. The deadline for receipt of supporting materials is **March 15, 2019**. The nomination form is available on the Faculty Awards website: <http://www.csun.edu/faculty-senate/faculty-awards>. All supporting materials are to be delivered to the Faculty Senate Office (Oviatt Library, Room 10; Mail Drop 8221).