

NOMINATION

College of Agriculture Teaching Awards

The LSU College of Agriculture faculty teaching awards recognize outstanding teaching by faculty at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Teachers are central to education. They serve as models, motivators, and mentors – the catalysts of the learning process. Moreover, teachers are agents for developing, replicating, and exchanging effective instructional materials and methods. For these reasons, education can reflect excellence only when teachers are adequately prepared, highly motivated, and appropriately recognized and rewarded. The LSU College of Agriculture Teaching Awards program recognizes and honors outstanding teachers who have excelled at teaching in the College of Agriculture. All nominees must be full-time employees of the LSU and A&M College of Agriculture and/or the LSU Agricultural Center and must have responsibility for instruction in the College of Agriculture. This year's awards are:

Sedberry Award – Outstanding Graduate Teacher. All ranks of faculty are eligible. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to be nominated until five years have elapsed from the day the award was received.

Sedberry Award – Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher. All ranks of faculty are eligible. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to be nominated until five years have elapsed from the day the award was received.

National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Teaching Award Certificate - Despite the name, this is a College of Agriculture Award. All ranks of faculty are eligible and consideration is given for undergraduate and graduate teaching activities. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible for nomination until five years have lapsed from the day the award was received.

Nominations should address the items requested below. Note that nomination materials for these awards are limited to 4 typed pages (excluding letters of support). Additional pages will be discarded.

- List of courses taught.
- Summary of SPOT evaluation scores. This section may also include explanatory comments, as well as information on written comments provided by students on SPOT evaluations.
- Description of special qualities and innovations that make the nominee especially qualified for this award and explanation of how the nominee has excelled in the performance of teaching duties.
- Description of teaching and advising contributions outside the classroom, published teaching materials (laboratory manuals, audio visual aids, software, etc.), special recognition or awards received, membership and service in professional and honorary societies, number of recent professional publications with graduate students, theses and dissertations directed (title, date), other accomplishments.
- Nomination materials may include two letters of support. It is recommended that one be internal and one external.
- It is recommended that the nominee's current vita be posted on the AgCenter web site or emailed with the nomination materials. Instructions are here.

Please submit an **electronic copy** of nominations materials to the Vice President's Office (send to the attention of *Rebecca Smelley* (rsmelley@agcenter.lsu.edu) by the deadline established for this year's awards.