

## President's Award for Transformative Online Education

### Eligibility and Criteria

The Center for Distance Education, in partnership with the Offices of the President and the Provost, is responsible for coordinating the annual President's Award for Transformative Online Education.

This award recognizes a UTA faculty member whose efforts support quality online teaching and those who have made significant contributions to programs through transformational online instruction. The recognition distinguishes and rewards individuals who demonstrate superior online teaching, service, mentorship to online learners, provide models of excellence for fellow faculty, and encourage all faculty to continue to improve and advance their online teaching pedagogy.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Current UTA faculty with at least one year of continuous service.
- Nominee must teach a minimum of half-time and/or have a continuing appointment at UTA.
- Rank is open.
- More than one individual may be nominated from any department in any given year.
- Winners from the past three years are ineligible for nomination.

#### Award Criteria

Nominees should demonstrate excellence in at least one of the following areas:

- Online teaching and mentoring students.
- Effective and innovative online teaching methods, courses/programs, curricula, and supporting materials.
- Exemplary contributions to the practice of online delivery and the teaching profession.

#### Successful Nominees:

- Actively teach online courses via synchronous and/or asynchronous formats at UTA.
- Design and deliver content and instruction electronically.
- Have an established track record as an excellent online teacher.
- Promote engagement in online courses.
- Demonstrate instructional and technological innovation.
- Receive positive student feedback on online course effectiveness.
- Promote appropriate use of available instructional technology and accessibility tools.
- Play a significant role in advocating the importance of online teaching formats and platforms in efforts to expand UTA's global outreach and impact.

Nominees are selected based on recommendations from academic deans and other administrators annually in the spring semester and are evaluated by the Award Selection Committee. Nominees are responsible to provide a dossier of materials to further their nomination.

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