

Provost's Awards for Faculty Excellence and Impact: 2024 Call for Nominations

The Office of the Provost is pleased to invite nominations for the 2024-2025 Provost's Awards for Faculty Excellence and Impact by 11:59pm **Friday, December 6th, 2024**. Key information for this awards cycle includes:

- Faculty may nominate their colleagues. Faculty may not self-nominate.
- One award will be made in each award category.
- Nominees can only receive one award across the Faculty Excellence and Impact Award categories in any given year.
- Nominators may submit a nomination for a specific Faculty member in one category only (e.g., Professor X can only nominate Professor Y in one award category).
- Past awardees for any given category are not eligible to be nominated for the award they received.
- The renomination of faculty who were previously nominated but did not receive an award is encouraged.

Awardees will receive a monetary prize, distributed for each award category as detailed below, and a commemorative plaque. Winners will be announced at the celebratory reception on April 23rd, 2025, 5pm-7pm. All finalists and their nominator, chair, dean, and guest will be invited to attend.

Award Categories and Eligibility

1. James M. Tien Early Career Award and Grant

Description: The James M. Tien Early Career award recognizes faculty who have made significant contributions early in their career. At the forefront of their field, the faculty member's academic record should reflect ongoing and exceptional growth in contribution to their discipline and the University.

Eligibility: Full-time University Faculty who have been in a tenure-track position at UM for at least three years and have completed their terminal degree (e.g., Ph.D.) within the last ten years. For faculty who have been granted a University-approved extension to their pre-tenure probationary review period, the length of time of that extension shall not count toward the calculation of their ten years of professional experience. Please reach out to Ali Mosser (a.mosser@miami.edu) if you are unsure of your nominee's eligibility for this award.

Award Amount: \$1,000 as a cash prize and \$5,000 for a discretionary account to support the awardee's work.

Nomination Guidance: The nominator's statement should, (a) be written for a general academic audience (avoid jargon), (b) provide a snapshot of the nominee's reputation in their field and

how they stand out from their peer scholars (use specific examples), and (c) speak to the faculty member's promise in moving their discipline forward and the anticipated impact their work will have in their discipline and beyond.

2. Lifetime Achievement Award

Description: The Lifetime Achievement award recognizes the eminent careers of faculty who have demonstrated sustained extraordinary contributions to their field and have enhanced the reputation of the University through their notable accomplishments.

Eligibility: Full-time Regular Faculty and Research Faculty who have been at the rank of Full Professor for at least ten years, have at least ten years of service at UM, and have conducted a large portion of their scholarship at UM.

Award Amount: \$5,000 as a cash prize or a discretionary fund to support the awardee's work.

Nomination Guidance: The nominator's statement should, a) be written for a general academic audience (avoid jargon), (b) provide a snapshot of the nominee's reputation in their field and how they stand out from their peer scholars (use specific examples), and (c) speak to how the faculty member's work has moved their discipline forward and impacted the world.

3. Outstanding Achievement in Research and Scholarship

Description: The Outstanding Achievement in Research and Scholarship Award recognizes one single, unique, high-impact scholarly contribution by faculty to their field or research program (e.g., a specific high-impact publication). This award is meant to recognize one single contribution, not a body of work (if you do not speak to one single contribution, your nomination will not be considered). The contribution does *not* have to have occurred in the last year to be eligible.

Eligibility: Full-time Regular Faculty and Research Faculty at any rank who have at least three years of service at UM.

Award Amount: \$1,000 as a cash prize or discretionary fund to support the awardee's work.

Nomination Guidance: Nominator's statement should (a) be written for a general academic audience (avoid jargon), (b) speak to ONE single academic achievement (e.g., publication, discovery, patent, book) that has been hugely impactful, (c) describe how the single academic achievement has impacted the nominee's standing in their field and has situated the nominee apart from their peers (provide specific examples), (d) speak to how the achievement moved their discipline forward, and the specific impact the work has had or will have on their discipline (e.g., a future breakthrough) and/or the world.

4. Outstanding Achievement in the Arts, Music, and Creative Disciplines

Description: The Outstanding Achievement in the Arts, Music, and Creative Disciplines recognizes one single, unique, high-impact creative contribution by faculty in the arts, music, or other creative discipline. This award is meant to recognize one single contribution, not a body of work (if you do not speak to one single contribution, your nomination will not be considered). The contribution does *not* have to have occurred in the last year to be eligible.

Eligibility: Full-time University Faculty at any rank who have at least three years of service at UM.

Award Amount: \$1,000 as a cash prize or discretionary fund to support the awardee's work.

Nomination Guidance: Nominator's statement should (a) be written for a general academic audience (avoid jargon), (b) speak to ONE single creative achievement (e.g., a specific musical recording, work of art, performance, film, architectural design) that has been hugely impactful, (c) describe how the single creative achievement has impacted the nominee's standing in their field and has situated the nominee apart from their peers (provide specific examples), (d) speak to how the achievement moved their discipline forward and the specific impact the creative achievement has had or will have on their discipline and/or the world.

5. Inclusive Excellence

Description: The Inclusive Excellence award recognizes faculty who have made exceptional contributions to promote and enhance a sense of belonging amongst diverse constituencies at UM. The faculty member's behaviors and contributions should exemplify our core value of diversity. Their work in promoting and enhancing a sense of belonging at the U should extend beyond their primary responsibilities to enhance belonging in their teaching, service/outreach, research, scholarship, and/or creative works.

Eligibility: Full-time University Faculty and Lecturers at any rank who have at least three years of service at UM.

Award Amount: \$1,000 as a cash prize or discretionary fund to support the awardee's work.

Nomination Guidance: Nominator's statement should speak to how the faculty member's contributions to enhance a sense of belonging amongst diverse constituencies at UM go above and beyond their regular duties and describe the number of people impacted, scope of work, significant changes resulting from their efforts, and anything else to convey the work's impact.

6. Distinguished University Citizen

Description: The Distinguished University Citizen award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated outstanding citizenship and institutional building through dedicated academic service to the University community. The faculty member should exemplify deep commitment to service and embody UM's DIRECCT Values.

Eligibility: Full-time University Faculty at the rank of Associate or Full Professor who have at least ten years of service at UM and Lecturers who have at least ten years of service at UM.

Award Amount: \$1,000 as a cash prize or discretionary fund to support the awardee's work.

Nomination Guidance: Nominator's statement should speak to (a) the faculty member's University-wide service and the impact the service has had on the University as a whole (and not just their particular unit), and (b) how the faculty member's selfless service to the University goes beyond their regular duties.

7. Outstanding Department Chair

Description: The Outstanding Department Chair award recognizes exceptional leadership and administrative excellence in department chairs who have made significant contributions to their department's success. This award honors chairs who have fostered an environment that aligns with our DIRECCT values, effectively managed resources, and demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing their department's academic mission, strategic goals and scholarly profile.

Eligibility: Department chairs from the Gables or Rosenstiel campuses with at least two years of service as department chair.

Award Amount: \$1,000 as a cash prize or discretionary fund to support the awardee's work.

Nomination Guidance: The nominator's statement should (a) be written for a general academic audience, (b) provide specific examples of how the nominee has excelled in their role as department chair, (c) describe the nominee's leadership style and its positive impact on faculty, staff, and students, (d) highlight any innovative initiatives or improvements implemented under the nominee's leadership, (e) speak to the nominee's ability to manage challenges and conflicts effectively, and (f) explain how the nominee's efforts have contributed to the department's and University's overall success and reputation.

Nomination Materials

Nominators will be asked to provide the following:

- **Nominee CV**
- **Nominee biography** (*no more than half a page, 12-point font, single spaced*)

- **Nomination statement describing why the nominee is worthy of the award** (*no more than one page, 12-point font, single spaced, see ‘Nomination Guidance’ under each award category for what should be addressed*).

***NOTE** that if they are selected to move forward as finalists, nominees will be given access to the nominator’s original submission. Please keep that in mind as you write your statement.

Award Process

Nominations will be made through InfoReady (see [applicant guide](#) for InfoReady assistance) where nominators will be asked to upload the CV, biography, and nomination statement, and provide the nominee’s full name, title, years of service at UM, preferred pronouns, school, department, UM email, and UM phone number.

Nominations will be reviewed by Deans. Nominees selected to move forward in the process will be asked to submit for final review by a University-wide committee their own one-page statement on why they should win the award, and a sample of their scholarly (e.g., publication) or creative work (e.g., musical composition).

[Click here to submit a nomination](#)

Or copy and paste this link into your internet browser:

<https://miami.infoready4.com/#freeformCompetitionDetail/1954731>

Important Dates

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Please direct any questions to Ali Mosser, Director of Academic Affairs, at a.mosser@miami.edu