Engineering Award Criteria

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## General guidelines for all awards

* Not intended to echo awards received elsewhere.
* Nomination process
  + General announcement to all T/TT faculty
  + Nomination by ad-hoc committees of motivated faculty, not necessarily within a single department or managed by chairs; self-nomination is acceptable
  + Nominations collected by dean’s office
  + Joint review and consensus agreement among dean and council (one vote for council, one for dean)
* It is expected that nomination documents are concise (not to exceed 3 pages) and directly address award selection criteria.

## Staff Awards

* Intention of donors
  + To reward exceptional clerical, administrative and technical departmental staff who further the mission of the departments, college and university.
* Criteria: Evidence of exceptional ...
  + Efficient, effective, and responsible execution of duties
  + Sensitivity and responsiveness to college, departmental and/or student needs
* Eligibility
  + Permanent administrative (clerical) departmental & college staff

## Research Awards

* Criteria
  + Intellectual merit - the extent that science is being advanced
  + Broader impact of research (for society other than student engagement)
  + Meaningful engagement of students in research (beyond serving as technicians)
* Commentary
  + This award should be given to faculty who are mentoring the future generation of scientific leaders.
  + This award should be for research that advances the forefront of knowledge and thereby providing tangible evidence of UTEP’s excellence in research.
* Typical evidence
  + Evidence of merit
  + Evidence of impact
  + Evidence of meaningful student involvement
* Eligibility
  + T/TT faculty

## Instruction Awards

* Criteria: Measurable evidence of exceptional educational impact including
  + Effective development of students’ technical and/or professional skills
  + Improvement of retention or student learning
* Commentary
  + The primary criteria is impact upon student achievement.
  + Innovation is less critical than effectiveness.
  + We view instruction broadly. Faculty contribute to education in (virtual) classrooms, labs, and in a variety of planning and curriculum design contexts.
  + Impact on students’ future success matters far more than popularity..
* Typical evidence
  + Measurable evidence of impact
* Eligibility
  + Any UTEP student, faculty, or staff contributing to excellence in engineering education at UTEP

## Service Awards

* Criteria: Measurable evidence of exceptional service impact
  + Improvement of societal conditions, etc.
  + For contributions other than through research or teaching
  + May or may not directly relate to UTEP or the College
* Commentary
  + The primary criteria are Service to the Public and positive impact to society
* Typical evidence
  + Measurable evidence of impact
* Eligibility
  + Any student, faculty, or staff member