Overview
Each spring, the Awards Committee of the College of Education (COE) invites nominations for the COE Research, Teaching, Staff, and Service Awards. The submission deadline for the awards is in April of each year and nominations must be submitted to the Dean’s Office by the announced deadline. All faculty and staff will be notified of the awards, criteria, procedure and provided a copy of this policy in advance of the deadline.

Complete details on eligibility for the awards are given below. If a team of individuals is nominated, or there is a tie between two individuals for an award, the monetary award will be divided between/among the team that wins or between the individuals that are tie winners. Faculty must have an updated FRPA to be eligible to receive any of the three faculty-specific awards.

The Awards Committee
The Dean will ask for volunteers to serve on the Awards Committee. The Committee, which is made up of representatives from all COE departments, programs, and offices, will evaluate all submissions and recommend award winners for final approval by the Leadership Team.

Nomination Procedure
Nominations may be made by anyone. It is expected that COE department chairs will encourage the nomination process. Individuals making a nomination must submit a letter of nomination to the Dean’s Office representative for each award nominee.

1. OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER AWARD
The awardee will be judged by the committee to be excellent in research using criteria from our COE Departmental Criteria for Faculty Evaluation. 
ELIGIBILITY: Full-time tenure/tenure track COE faculty are eligible for this award.
AWARD: The Researcher Award consists of a $250 check and a plaque.

2. OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD
Candidates will be judged to be outstanding in the teaching component of their scholarly endeavors.
ELIGIBILITY: All faculty with at least a 50% appointment at the rank of instructor, tenure-track, or tenured faculty are eligible.
AWARD: The Teaching Award consists of a $250 check and a plaque.
3. **OUTSTANDING COE SERVICE AWARD**
For service provided to the College of Education, the campus community and the wider community by serving on committees and performing public service.
ELIGIBILITY: All full-time tenure, tenure-track COE faculty are eligible.
AWARD: The COE Service Award consists of a $250 check and a plaque.

4. **OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD**
For a staff member, classified or professional exempt who has demonstrated initiative and effort over and above standard job requirements.
ELIGIBILITY: All classified and professional exempt staff are eligible.
AWARD: The staff award consists of a $250 check and a plaque.