

August 28, 2023

Dear Colleagues:

Each year, we have the distinct honor of awarding some of our most prestigious teaching awards to deserving faculty across campus. Candidates for each award are nominated by the faculty, which gives us the opportunity to celebrate a commitment to teaching among our ranks. Nominations are now open for this year's awards. I strongly encourage you to nominate candidates in *each* award category. To learn more about these awards and view past award recipients, visit <https://www.smu.edu/Provost/CTE/AwardsandGrants>.

The Provost's Teaching Recognition Award honors *non-tenure-track* faculty who demonstrate a commitment to excellence and a consummate dedication to teaching and learning. The non-tenure-track candidate must have taught credited courses full time for a *minimum* of 5 continuous years prior to their year of nomination. This award carries a \$1,000 stipend.

The Golden Mustang Award is given to a *tenure-track* faculty member whose teaching is consistently excellent, whose courses reflect thoughtful curricular development, and whose scholarship makes a meaningful contribution to the discipline and to student learning. This award carries a \$1,000 stipend.

The President's Associates Award honors *tenured* faculty for the advancement of teaching and learning that have not yet been awarded an Altshuler Award. This award is designed to honor faculty who have sustained high achievement as teachers and whose scholarship makes a meaningful contribution to student learning. This award carries a \$1,000 stipend.

The Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor Award honors *tenured* faculty that demonstrate excellence in teaching and commitment to student learning to be appointed to serve two years in the SMU Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Candidate must have taught credited courses full time for a *minimum* of 5 continuous years prior to their year of nomination. This award carries a \$10,000 stipend. For two years following the award, they participate actively with other members of the Academy in providing campus-wide leadership in teaching and learning. Examples of leadership opportunities include: teaching observations, advise and participate on CTE programming, evaluate teaching award nominations and other activities to support CTE and the Office of the Provost.

You are encouraged to contact nominees in advance if you need to confirm any of these criteria. Nomination alone is considered an honor. You may nominate a colleague from any department.

These awards reflect our collective commitment to excellence in teaching. I ask you to take a few minutes to nominate a deserving colleague today. Please send the name of your nominees to the Center for Teaching Excellence, cte@smu.edu. The deadline for nominations is *Friday, September 15, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.*

I thank you for your participation in this very important initiative for teaching at SMU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth G. Lobo', written in a cursive style.

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