

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2016 Auburn Montgomery Excellence in Faculty Outreach Award

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AWARD

The Auburn Montgomery Excellence in Faculty Outreach Award and a \$5,000 honorarium will be presented to one Auburn Montgomery faculty member for distinguished outreach contributions which exceed expectations for the person's career stage and job responsibilities. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee comprised of former recipients of this award, other Auburn Montgomery faculty, and individuals from the Office of Business & Community Initiatives.

DEFINITION OF OUTREACH

For the purposes of this award, *outreach* is being defined as an activity which applies the professional or academic expertise of the faculty member to benefit the community. It is expected that there will be an application of knowledge to human needs and societal problems, issues, or concerns. The beneficiary must be the public or the community. The activity must be designed for the common good of the community, and activities must produce positive outcomes – demonstrating the tremendous impact that outreach has had on our community, state and nation.

CRITERIA

All Auburn Montgomery faculty are eligible and must obtain a nomination through their Dean. A Dean may nominate more than one faculty member. Activities to be considered for this award will be based on the definition of *outreach*. The committee reserves the right to determine that no nominee demonstrates criteria sufficient to be recognized with this award. Self-nominations are discouraged.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

The nomination packet should include the following materials:

1. A letter of nomination no longer than five pages, single-spaced. The letter should provide a commentary describing the scholarship involved in the outreach achievements cited. Specifically, the commentary should include the following topics:
 - **Description.** Provide a brief overview of the nominee's outreach record including citations of the specific outreach efforts outlining the needs addressed, objectives, methods, target audience, etc.
 - **Mission.** Provide an explanation of how the outreach work of the nominee complements the teaching and research mission of the unit and the University.
 - **Scholarship.** Describe the role of the nominee's professional expertise in the design and execution of the outreach. Provide a description of how the nominee's work applies to societal/human problems or generates new knowledge for the discipline. How has this work been communicated? Has this nominee's work led to increased recognition of professional expertise?
 - **Impact.** Describe observed or unobserved impacts that have been seen or can be expected based on the nominee's outreach research. Identify the beneficiaries both direct and indirect. Describe the impact the nominee's work has had on target clients, on the nominee's discipline, etc. Include any quantitative statements (program data, comparative indices, economic impact, etc.) to illustrate the impact.
2. The nominee's vita.
3. A letter of support from the nominee's dean. Additional letters of support may be included from others knowledgeable about the outreach efforts of the nominee, including references external to the University. The additional letters of support are welcomed but not necessary.

Mail (through campus mail) or deliver five (5) copies of nomination to:

Auburn University at Montgomery
Office of Business & Community Initiatives
Attn: Excellence in Faculty Outreach Award Committee
7515 Halcyon Summit Drive, Suite 305
Montgomery, Alabama 36117

Deadline for receipt of nominations is **1:00 p.m., April 29, 2016**. Selection recommendations will be made by the Excellence in Faculty Outreach Award Committee. Announcement of the award recipient will be made at Auburn Montgomery's 2016 Convocation.

Questions about the process should be submitted to faculty.award@outreach.aum.edu.