

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans
Associate Deans for Academic Affairs
Academic Department Heads

FROM: Jim Pfaendtner, Ph.D. 
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

SUBJECT: 2026-27 University Awards Nomination Process

DATE: September 4, 2026

Faculty excellence is central to NC State's mission, and each year we recognize outstanding faculty through a variety of awards and honors. I appreciate your leadership in identifying and nominating deserving colleagues for recognition during the 2026–27 academic year.

Information about the awards administered by the Office for Faculty Excellence, including eligibility criteria, nomination materials, selection processes, timelines and recognition details, is available at go.ncsu.edu/internal-faculty-awards. **Please review the website each year, as award requirements and procedures may be updated.**

Deans should establish one or more faculty award nomination committees to solicit and review nominations, oversee the preparation of nomination materials, and submit complete nomination packages for the appropriate teaching and faculty awards by the published deadlines.

Schedule of Nomination Submission Due Dates

- O. Max Gardner Award - **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**
- Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching - **Wednesday, October 7, 2026**
- Alexander Quarles Holladay Medal for Excellence - **Wednesday, November 4, 2026**
- Outstanding Teacher Award - **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**
(See chart below for college nomination caps for the Outstanding Teacher Award)
- Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor Award - **Wednesday, December 2, 2026**
- Gertrude Cox Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching and Learning with Technology - **Wednesday, January 13, 2027**
- Provost's Award for High Impact Experiential Learning - **Wednesday, January 20, 2027**
- Warwick A. Arden Interdisciplinary Teaching Excellence Award - **Wednesday, January 27, 2027**

Submission Procedures

- Nominee package materials should be submitted following the submission procedures on each award's web page.
- Each component of the nomination package must be saved as a separate PDF file.
- Submit all PDF files included in the nomination package simultaneously through either the provided link or the Faculty Excellence Portal.

Please note that the names of award nominees and recipients are confidential until officially announced to the campus by the Provost's Office. Activities of the selection committees are also confidential.

The associate dean for academic affairs in each college will be the contact for this process unless otherwise indicated. Sherry Bailey is your contact for any questions or concerns. You may reach her at 919-513-6285 or sbbailey@ncsu.edu.

We look forward to partnering with you this year to celebrate and recognize the outstanding contributions of NC State's faculty.

cc: Kim Grainger, Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Excellence
Dan Monek, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and Policy
Neal Parker, Chair, Evaluation of Teaching Committee
Walter A. Robinson, Chair of the Faculty
Reshunda Mahone, Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving
Katie Stennette, President, Graduate Student Association
Knox Trask, President, Student Body
Ashley Arya, Chair, Staff Senate
Deans' Executive Assistants
Sherry Bailey, Internal Faculty Awards Coordinator

Outstanding Teacher Award 2026-27 College Nomination Caps

College	Nominations
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	2
College of Design	1
College of Education	1
College of Engineering	3
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	2
Poole College of Management	2
College of Natural Resources	1
College of Sciences	2
Wilson College of Textiles	1
College of Veterinary Medicine	1