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Provost's Award for Teaching Excellence in the Core Curriculum

A. Statement of Purpose

Established in 2022, the Provost's Award for Teaching Excellence in the Core Curriculum honors faculty members who have had a significant impact on undergraduate students through the teaching of coursework in the University's core curriculum. In particular, the award recognizes faculty who have advanced the goals of the University's core curriculum by:

- Creating environments that stimulate student learning
- Enhancing intellectual engagement
- Reinforcing the value of the Catholic Liberal Arts tradition at the center of a Notre Dame education

B. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible faculty must meet all of the following criteria at the time of nomination:

- Currently employed as a full-time member of Notre Dame's regular faculty and have taught a minimum of four courses in the Core Curriculum over the past five years as a regular faculty member.
- Have not received the Provost's Award for Teaching Excellence in the Core Curriculum in any of the past four academic years
- Have been nominated in the current academic year by at least one member of the undergraduate student body or faculty

C. Nomination Process

Nominations for the Provost's Award for Teaching Excellence in the Core Curriculum will be solicited from Notre Dame undergraduates and faculty early each spring semester. Nominations can be submitted online through the following process:

- Enter a password-protected University website (<http://provost.nd.edu/awards>).
- Select the name of your nominee from the list of eligible faculty.
- Indicate how long you have known the nominee and in what capacity.



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- Provide an essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, that: (a) identifies the course(s) taught by the nominee; and (b) details how the nominee created an environment that stimulates student learning, enhanced intellectual engagement, reinforced the value of the Catholic Liberal Arts tradition, and advanced the specific learning outcomes of the University's core curriculum (<https://corecurriculum.nd.edu/undergraduate-learning-outcomes/>). The essay should provide one or more specific examples.

During the second week of March, the Provost's Office will inform each department chair, the Dean of the School of Architecture, and the Dean of the Keough School of Global Affairs of the nominations received for faculty in his/her department/school. If the department chair or the aforementioned deans would like to provide any additional comments on the nominee(s) or compare the relative merits of two or more nominees from the same department/school, he/she is welcome to send a letter to the Chair of the Core Curriculum Committee.

D. Selection Committee

The selection committee will be composed of a subset of the University's Core Curriculum Committee, which includes representatives from all of the colleges and schools offering undergraduate degrees. The committee will forward a final list of recommended awardees to the vice president and associate provost for undergraduate affairs for final approval.

E. Announcement of Award Winners

Around mid-April, the Provost's Office will notify all award recipients. Each winner will receive a cash prize and commemorative plaque. The awardees' names will appear on the Notre Dame website, in various Notre Dame publications, and in the annual program for Commencement. Throughout the following academic year, the Kaneb Center and the University Core Curriculum Committee will work to provide opportunities for the winner(s) to share their insights and pedagogical best practices with other Notre Dame faculty.