

The Academy of Distinguished Teaching (ADT) at UCR, in partnership with the Division of Undergraduate Education, is soliciting nominations for the **2025 Community Engaged Teaching Award**. All ladder-rank Senate faculty members at any level (including pre-tenure faculty) are eligible. Two or more faculty members teaching as a unit may be nominated as a single team.

Awardee(s) will receive a one-time research stipend in the amount of \$1,000 and will be honored at a campus-wide Symposium on Teaching Excellence and Innovation, followed by a Celebration of Teaching reception on a Wednesday near the end of May 2025 (exact date TBD). The Community Engaged Teaching awardee(s) will be featured as presenter(s) at a future event jointly organized by ADT and XCITE, where they will speak on their teaching methods.

Criteria for Review: Awardee(s) will be selected for their commitment to teaching with mutually-beneficial, respectful, and sustained collaboration that creates reciprocal value for students and community partners. Their community engaged teaching should include one or more of the following criteria: 1) enrich the scholarship of the institution by accessing community cultural wealth and expertise, 2) enhance community well-being, 3) deepen students' civic and academic learning, and/or 4) facilitate opportunities for critical reflection.

Awardee(s) will be selected by members of the Academy of Distinguished Teaching. The deadline for receipt of application materials is **March 21, 2025, and awardees will be announced in Spring Quarter**.

**Instructions for assembly and submission of the nomination file:**

1. One faculty member, serving as the lead nominator, should assemble all documents into a single PDF file. Requests for letters of support must be made by the person assembling the file, although these requests may be made in consultation with the nominee. The nomination file should be sent to the UCR Academy of Distinguished Teaching, c/o Jack Eichler (jeichler@ucr.edu) by **March 21, 2025**.
2. The subject line of an electronic submission should read, for example: "Nomination of Dr. (name) for the 2025 Community Engaged Teaching Award."
3. Nominations should include the following in a single PDF file in this specific order:
  - i. A nomination letter from a faculty member who is taking the lead in assembling the nomination package. Self-nominations will also be considered and should be used as the nomination letter itself.

ii. The nominee's self-statement, not to exceed two pages, which details their teaching philosophy/approach, the community engaged aspects of their teaching strategies, and data-driven evidence of impact of these approaches on student success. If the nominee's classroom instructional innovations or broader teaching-related activities address issues related to equity and/or inclusivity they are encouraged to highlight these in the statement as well.

iii. Up to five letters of support from faculty, students, or individuals who can provide additional evidence of community engaged teaching.

iv. Representative student numerical and narrative evaluations for courses taught at UCR that provide evidence of community engaged teaching.

For any questions about the award and/or nominations, please contact Jack Eichler, Chair of the ADT Awards Committee ([jeichler@ucr.edu](mailto:jeichler@ucr.edu)).