WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

EXCELLENCE IN ONLINE TEACHING AWARD

In an effort to recognize Wichita State University faculty who have gone above and beyond expectations with teaching online courses, the university would like to solicit nominations for an annual Excellence in Online Teaching Award. A grant of $2,000 recognizes the value of excellence in online teaching at Wichita State University. You are invited to nominate colleagues or yourself on the attached form.

## Criteria for Eligibility:

1. Faculty must have taught a fully-online course (IIE) for at least one year (minimum of two terms)
2. Any full-time faculty member is eligible whether they are tenured, tenure-track, or non-tenure track.
3. Faculty should have demonstrated excellence in their online course(s). Excellence in online teaching would include facilitating meaningful and demonstrable student-to-student, student-to-content, and faculty-to-student interactions.

## Selection Process:

1. Nomination form accompanied by documentation of excellence in teaching, a letter of support from the department chairperson, and two additional letters of support.
2. College/School Deans will review nominations. Those nominations that are selected should be ranked and forwarded to the Provost by the second Friday in January. A college advisory panel may be used in this selection and ranking. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. The Faculty Support Committee will review nominations and recommend one candidate to the Provost.
4. The award will be announced in the spring.

## Award Amount: $2,000

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# NOMINATION FORM

1. Name Department
2. Years of Service at WSU
3. Courses taught online and term taught
4. Summary of nominee’s dedication to and evidence of excellence in online teaching (you may attach a letter of nomination):

The following attachments are required of the nominee:

* Declaration of nominee’s dedication to and evidence of excellence in online teaching
* Evidence of impact of excellence in online teaching through any of the following:
	+ Recognition through another professional organization (Quality Matters Certified Course, Online Learning Consortium, Blackboard Exemplary Course Design, discipline-specific awards).
	+ Increased levels of student performance in demonstrated outcomes, such as improved overall grades in assessments or in the course.
	+ Letter of support and internal course audit by Instructional Design and Access staff
* Letter of support from department chairperson and two letters of recommendation: one from a student\*, and one from any of the following:
	+ a peer
	+ a member of the instructional Design and Access staff
	+ an advisor
	+ a chair or dean

\* The student recommendation may be replaced with “evidence of student support” that might include a previous correspondence such as emails or letters from students that address the quality of instruction in the online class, comments from student evaluations of the class, or other documentation of student appreciation of the quality of instruction offered in the online class.

Nominated by

Signed Date

*This form, accompanied by all the above attachments should be submitted to*

*the College/School Dean.*