

Connecticut State University System
2009-10 Trustees *Teaching* Awards

General Information

The awards are given to faculty who have distinguished themselves as outstanding teachers for the past five years, and have a minimum of two-year track record of promoting instructional improvements in their programs/departments.

Eligibility

Tenure-track or tenured Assistant and Associate Professors.

Nominees must be in good standing for continuation of contract with the university.

Previous recipients of an award are not eligible for reconsideration for the following three years.

Number of Awards

The CSUS Board of Trustees will confer a total of five awards: four University Level Awards, receiving \$1,000 each, and a System Level Award, chosen among the four university awards, to receive an additional \$1,000.

Nominations

Nominees are expected to submit strong evidence of excellence and effectiveness in teaching, including the promotion of collegial interactions at the program, department and/or school levels, and in the use of assessment of student learning outcomes to improve the educational process.

Departments and programs are encouraged to nominate women, faculty of color, and members of other groups historically underrepresented in their discipline.

Source of Nominations

Nominations may originate from: Deans, Directors, Departments/Program Heads and other academic administrators, award committees, individual faculty members or self nominations. Regardless of source, nominations must be coordinated through the appropriate academic unit (e.g., Dean's office, departmental or program office).

Selection Process

University Level Awards

Each university will establish a process for reviewing submissions and selecting *a single candidate* for the University Level Award to be approved and awarded by the Board of Trustees. The Provost/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs will appoint the appropriate committee to conduct this university level review. Once a candidate has been identified, the nomination with support materials will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for final decision. Submissions of more than one nominee from any

university will be rejected and will result in the disqualification of submitted names from that institution.

A university may determine that none of the nominations received in a given year are sufficiently compelling to justify a nomination for the University Level award.

System Level Award

The nomination for the System Level Award will be selected from the four University Level Award nominees by a Committee of CSU Professors. The committee will forward its recommendation to the Trustees for final selection.

Publicity

Per Trustees' directive, the Chancellor will work with the University Presidents to ensure that maximum visibility is given to the awards through local and statewide print and electronic media.

2009-10 Awards Timeline:

September 18, 2009:	Call for nominations
January 26, 2010 :	Local nominations due to each university review committee
January 27 to February 15:	Local committee reviews submissions and submit one nominee to the Provost/Academic Vice President
February 16:	Universities forward recommendations and support materials to the System Office
February 17 to March 12:	The Committee of CSU University Professors reviews the local recommendations and selects the System Level Award nomination
March 29:	In executive session, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees reviews recommendations and makes final recommendations
April 8:	Board of Trustees approves final selections. Awardees are presented with official recognitions at the BOT meeting
April 30:	Awardees are publicly recognized at the CSUS Assessment Conference at Central Connecticut State University