

Carl and Margaret Liedholm established the President's Distinguished Teaching Award to recognize faculty members' roles in the creation of innovative environments that enable student learning within and across disciplinary, cultural, and ethnic boundaries. The award is open to current MSU tenure system and academic specialist faculty who have a sustained record of substantial undergraduate teaching responsibilities at Michigan State University and have implemented creative and effective ways to foster student learning.

The award is designed to recognize faculty who:

- Demonstrate energy and enthusiasm for engaging undergraduate students in their learning;
- Inspire undergraduate students in unique ways or challenge them in innovative ways;
- Create in their undergraduate students a sense of intellectual curiosity, exciting them about learning;
- Nurture and empower students to enact change in their own and the lives of others;
- Extend learning in innovative ways beyond the walls of the traditional classroom;
- Implement learning outcomes assessment and exhibit a commitment to the scholarship of teaching and learning; and/or
- Have influenced others to enhance their teaching by sharing their knowledge.

Although it is not anticipated that every nominee will exemplify all the qualities listed, nominating letters should address examples of how the nominee embodies various aspects of the criteria.

Nominations should include:

- A nomination letter of no more than three single-spaced pages;
- Names and contact information of up to four students, peers, administrators, alumni, or others that the review and rating committee could contact for additional information about how the candidate embodies various aspects of the award's criteria if the nominee is selected to be a finalist; and
- A draft citation of 250 – 300 words.

Nominations will be accepted from any member of the MSU community and should be submitted in **PDF format** to Racheal Sanford, raymerra@msu.edu.

The award is intended to be a surprise to the recipient, so candidates must not be informed that they have been nominated. The final selection of the award will be made by the Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education in consultation with a review and rating committee. The recipient will receive a \$3,000 stipend and will be recognized in a surprise event in one of their classes and again at the annual All-University Awards Convocation.

All-University Awards nominations, including those for the President's Distinguished Teaching Award, will be reviewed for misconduct and violations of university policy to ensure alignment with the [University's Mission and Values](#) prior to being advanced for committee review.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, December 5, 2025**. Questions should be directed to Racheal Sanford in the Office of Undergraduate Education at raymerra@msu.edu or 353-5380.