President's Award for Faculty Outstanding Service

2026–2027

Call for Nominations — Guidelines

Nomination Procedure

The President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service honors a faculty member whose extraordinary service beyond assigned duties advances student success, strengthens the university, and deepens community impact. Each college/academic unit may nominate one candidate. A cross-campus committee will recommend a single university recipient for presidential approval.

Purpose: Recognize service to students, departments, the college/academic unit, the university, and/or the community that demonstrates leadership, sustained commitment, collaboration, inclusion, and measurable results beyond standard job expectations.

Department/Program Level:

- Within each college or academic unit, chairs or equivalent faculty leaders may submit one nomination per department/program to their Dean or designated manager.

College/Academic Unit Level Submission:

- From these submissions, each Dean may forward one nominee to the university-level selection process.
- For academic units not housed within a college (e.g., Athletics Faculty, ESAP), the appropriate supervising administrator (e.g., Associate Provost, Vice President of Enrollment Management, or designated manager) may submit one nomination on behalf of that unit.

Criteria

Eligibility: Full-time tenure/tenure-track faculty, prior recipients are ineligible.

The nominee must submit:

Each college/academic unit nomination must include:

- A nomination letter (maximum of two pages) describing the nominee's contributions, impact, and alignment with the university mission and strategic plan, with particular attention to:
  - Service leadership
  - Collaboration and inclusion
  - Breadth and depth of impact (students, department, college/unit, university, and/or community)

- Sustainability or long-term outcomes of the service work

Please email nominations to Dr. Prasad Vemala (p.vemala@sru.edu)

Acknowledgment

Recognition Plaque

A recognition plaque is presented by the President at the Employee Recognition Celebration event on April 6, 2027, held in the Smith Student Center Ballroom.

Award Winner — $1,000

The winner will receive $1,000 in professional travel funds.

Timetable for the Award

Due Date	Owner	Action Item
December 04, 2026	Dean, Prasad Vemala	Deadline to submit nomination
January 25, 2027		Committee review
February 12, 2027		Recommendation to President

University Selection Committee

Member	Role
Dr. Prasad Vemala	Chair (non-voting), Dean HCOB
Dr. Sunita Mondal	Coordinates the selection process, HCOB
Dr. Louis Christensen	Member, CES
Dr. Danette Dimarco	Member, CLA
Dr. Betsy Kemeny	Member, CHS
Dr. Amy Orville	Member, COE
Dr. Ursula Payne	Member, Associate Provost

Previous Winners

Date	Winner	Department
2025-2026	Dr. Sunita Mondal	School of Business
2024-2025	Dr. Betsy Kemeny	Psychology, Social Work, and Recreation Therapy
2024-2025	Dr. Louis Christensen	Engineering