OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

NAU NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

NAU Award for Excellence in Service and Leadership (revised 2/23/22: deadline date moved to March 4, 2022)

Description

The award recognizes full-time Faculty and Academic Professionals (Librarians and Archivists) who improve the quality of education at NAU through commitment to leadership in curricular innovation; efforts to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice at NAU; professional development, shared governance, and academic unit operations. The award is open to all full-time Faculty and Academic Professionals of any track and rank or a team of full-time Faculty and/or Academic Professionals, who have implemented a collective project, innovation, or improvement of existing practices. The Office of the Provost will provide a certificate and a fund of $1,000 that may be used for professional development.

Applicants must show evidence that their project has been assessed and/or evaluated and has improved student learning, the student academic experience, academic unit practices, faculty leadership, advanced diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice, and/or contributed to more efficient and effective academic unit operations. Preference will be given to projects and innovations that have potential to be replicated across classrooms, programs, academic units, and/or disciplines.

Previous recipients of this award are eligible to apply again after 2 years.

Nomination Process

Individuals or teams may self-nominate or nominate colleagues. Students may nominate individual Faculty or Academic Professionals. The nomination packet (***3 pages maximum***) should be submitted electronically as a Word document or PDF to Provost@nau.edu by March 4, 2022, 5:00 pm. Please use the following subject line: "[Your last name], Service Award application." The packet shall include the following items:

1. Description of the innovation:
    - Challenges addressed
    - Objectives
    - Approach and/or methodology
    - Creative or novel features

2. Description of how the innovation has been implemented, assessed and/or evaluated:
   - Documentation how objectives were met
   - Extent to which the objectives were achieved
   - Impact on student learning, shared governance, DEIJ, academic unit operations
3. Description of the potential for others to adopt or adapt the innovation:
   - How the innovation might be used in other settings, including the transferability and adoption to other courses, programs, academic units, or disciplines
   - Resources required to adapt or adopt the innovation
   - Potential impact on the overall quality of teaching and learning at NAU
4. Letter of support from the chair/director of the applicant's department/school.
5. The award review committee with download the applicants' CV from FAAR. No separate CV should be submitted but applicants should make sure their FAAR CV is up-to-date.

Review of applications

A committee of full-time faculty members who have received the Liberal Studies Award or the Excellence in Curriculum Innovation Award in the past, academic unit leaders, and representatives of the Office of the Provost will review the applications and make a recommendation to the Provost who will choose the recipient(s).