

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Varner Educator Laureate Award

The Varner Educator Laureate Award is the highest recognition given by UNMC and, as such, can only be awarded one time to the same individual. The award recognizes an individual with sustained achievement in education who has significantly improved the UNMC learning environment through the provision of outstanding educational experiences.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

- **Rank:** All full-time or part-time UNMC faculty members in an educational role are eligible except UNMC Deans (Associate Deans are eligible), Institute Directors, Hospital CEO, Vice Chancellors, or Chancellor
- **Experience:** UNMC faculty member for 5 or more years (from award submission deadline)
- Past recipients of this award are not eligible to receive this award again

AWARD CRITERIA

- Development of innovative curricular and instructional materials (e.g., development of written/electronic course materials, participation in departmental, and/or campus curriculum development) used by others internal and external to UNMC
- Use and promotion of highly creative and innovative teaching methods, educational technologies, and assessment methods
- Dissemination of educational innovations as scholarly work in education (including grant awards, as well as presentations at national education meetings and publications)
- Creation of high-quality didactic and experiential learning environment inside and outside the classroom
- Evidence of facilitation of student learning based on receipt of outstanding student evaluations and competency-based learner assessments
- Leading the development or major revision of a national, department, or college curriculum
- Enhances UNMC learning through innovative design of instructional space and the learning environment
- Mentoring of other learners and educators at UNMC
- Receipt of university or national teaching awards

NOMINATION MATERIALS

1. Nomination Form

Submitted nomination form (self-nominations welcome)

2. Personal Statement

Candidates will **receive a link** to complete their personal statement within Microsoft Forms. Personal statement must emphasize evidence of award criteria.

3. Portfolio

Portfolios include artifacts that support accomplishments submitted in their personal statement.

1. Supporting evidence of award criteria
2. A summary table of learner or activity evaluations or feedback that provide support of award criteria is encouraged

4. Letters of Support

Candidates **submit at least two letters** of support that address the award criteria. A maximum of three letters is permitted.

Letters of support may be received from learners (students, residents and fellows), staff or faculty members at UNMC or collaborators from other institutions. A letter from a supervisor or candidate's chair may be submitted but is not required.

5. CV

Current CV formatted using UNMC guidelines. Information supporting the award should be highlighted in yellow.