

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Innovative Practices in Education Award

The Innovative Practices in Education Award recognizes an individual or team that demonstrates ingenuity, courage, and creativity in teaching, including innovations in use of educational technology, experiential learning, adoption of simulation and/or creative use of the classroom. Focus will be on work done while at UNMC.

NOTE: If you are applying as a team, please email iae@unmc.edu for further details; all team members share the award.

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; if you are applying as a team, all individuals must be UNMC faculty members
- **Experience:** UNMC faculty member for 2 or more years (from award submission deadline)
- Past recipients of this award will be re-eligible in 5 years

AWARD CRITERIA

- Use of innovative teaching methods to create a high-quality learning environment inside and outside the classroom
- Development of new innovations for learners (programs, curriculum, instructional material)
- Development of curricular materials
- Use/dissemination of educational innovation as scholarship (presentations, publications) at local, regional, or national level
- Teaching unique education techniques to others
- Activity has educational impact as supported by assessment and evaluation

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 are 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.