

Senior 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, 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 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

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## 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.*

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

### ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

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- **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

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## Inspirational Mentor of Educators Award

*The Inspirational Mentor of Educators Award recognizes an individual who has mentored junior faculty or trainees in developing as health professions educators. This mentorship may take the form of individual mentoring, or developing and implementing programs or resources targeted to improve health professions educators at the local, regional, or national level. The focus of this mentoring award is on developing future health professions educators.*

### ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

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- **Experience:** UNMC faculty member for 5 or more years (from award submission deadline)
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### AWARD CRITERIA

- Providing mentoring to junior faculty and/or trainees in developing as health professions educators on a local, regional, or national level
- Developing mentoring activities or processes for use by UNMC educators or other educational organizations regionally or nationally, to improve health professions education
- Record of outstanding mentoring of health professions educators as measured by the documented success of their mentees/ protégés as educators
- Conducting research, publishing, or presenting at professional conferences on how to improve the mentoring of health professions educators
- Leads or participates on grants for the purpose of developing trainees as health professions educators
- Recognition as an outstanding mentor of health professions educators in local, regional, or national mentoring awards

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#### 3. Portfolio

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#### 4. Letters of Support

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**NOTE:** It is recommended that at least one letter be from a mentee.

#### 5. CV

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## Interprofessional Education Scholar Award

*The Interprofessional Education Scholar Award recognizes an individual or team who has demonstrated excellence in interprofessional education. This includes teaching in an interprofessional learning environment, disseminating the results and best practices of interprofessional education, and contributing locally, regionally, or nationally to the advancement of interprofessional education.*

**NOTE:** If you are applying as a team, please email [iae@unmc.edu](mailto: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, 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

- Demonstration and modeling highly collaborative interactions with colleagues from other educational disciplines as defined by the four IPEC Competencies (<https://www.ipecollaborative.org/ipec-core-competencies>)
- Use of creative interprofessional teaching methods
- Development of interprofessional curriculum and instructional materials used locally, regionally, or nationally
- Mentoring of other interprofessional educators at UNMC
- Receipt of local, regional, or national interprofessional teaching awards
- Peer-reviewed publications or presentations in interprofessional education
- Leadership roles in national organizations supporting interprofessional education
- Evidence of grant funding in the area of interprofessional education

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#### 1. Nomination Form

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#### 2. Personal Statement

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#### 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 IPE activities 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.

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## Research in Education Scholar Award

*The Research in Education Scholar Award recognizes an individual who has advanced the science of learning through research of educational pedagogy. This includes receiving funding for original research in the areas of teaching/learning strategies, learning outcomes, and best practices in education. Significant contributions are demonstrated through peer-reviewed publications, grants, and participation on the local, regional, or national level in developing educational scholarship.*

### ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

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- **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

- Evidence of ongoing educational research emphasis
- Dissemination of scholarly work related to research in education through peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations, and proceedings
- Development of evidence based educational materials used locally, regionally, or nationally (higher weight given to peer reviewed materials) based on educational research findings
- Funding received to support educational research

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## Visionary Leadership in Education Award

*The Visionary Leadership in Education Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated the ability to skillfully establish or administer an educational initiative or role at UNMC or a national organization.*

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- **Rank:** All full-time or part-time UNMC faculty members in an educational role are eligible except UNMC Deans, Institute Directors, Hospital CEO, Vice Chancellors, or Chancellor
- **Experience:** UNMC faculty member for 2 or more years (from award submission deadline)
- Past recipients of this award are re-eligible in 5 years

### AWARD CRITERIA

- Editor/author of a major course textbook, journal, or publication utilized at UNMC or other educational institution
- Development of new and innovative teaching and learning programs in use at multiple educational institutions
- Multiple presentations at regional, national, or international educational meetings
- Development of new educational programs (e.g., Master's degree, certificate program, fellowship) at UNMC
- Leading a revision of educational materials or teaching techniques and styles at UNMC to improve learner education
- Receipt of local, regional, or national teaching awards
- Leading a major educational unit, program, or initiative at UNMC
- Leads the development of improved educational policies and procedures at UNMC

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#### 1. Nomination Form

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#### 3. Portfolio

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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

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**Emerging Educator Award**

*The Emerging Educator Award recognizes an emerging health science educator who demonstrates excellence, dedication, and perseverance in teaching and education early in their career.*

## ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

- **Rank:** All full-time or part-time UNMC faculty members at the rank of instructor or assistant professor in an educational role are eligible except UNMC Deans, Institute Directors, Hospital CEO, Vice Chancellors, or Chancellor
- **Experience:** UNMC faculty member for at least 1 year, but less than 5 years (from award submission deadline)
- Past recipients of this award are not eligible to receive this award again

## AWARD CRITERIA

- Excellence in health science education at the local or regional level
- Teaching innovation in the classroom or clinical setting
- Mentoring of students or other learners in the classroom or clinical setting
- Recognition of teaching excellence by peers or students
- Development of curricular materials
- Use/dissemination of educational materials at local or regional level

## NOMINATION MATERIALS

### 1. Nomination Form

Submitted nomination form (self-nominations welcome)

### 2. Personal Statement

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### 3. Portfolio

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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

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**NOTE:** It is recommended that at least one letter be from a learner.

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## Valor in Educational Service Award

*The Valor in Educational Service Award recognizes a UNMC volunteer, emeritus, or adjunct faculty member who exemplifies the spirit of outstanding teaching and whose contributions are significant and lasting to the advancement of health care learners, health care education, or health care professions.*

### ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

- **Rank:** All UNMC volunteer, emeritus, or adjunct faculty members
- **Experience:** UNMC volunteer, emeritus, or adjunct faculty member for 2 years or more (from award submission deadline)
- Past recipients of this award are re-eligible in 5 years

### AWARD CRITERIA

- Dedicated service to educating health professions learners
- Provides high-quality learning environment inside or outside the classroom
- Excellence in teaching based on informal or formal evaluations, feedback, and individual reputation

### NOMINATION MATERIALS

***Nominators for the Valor in Educational Service Award are responsible for submitting all nomination materials***

#### 1. Nomination Form

Submitted nomination form (self-nominations are not permitted)

#### 2. Nominator Statement

Nominators will **receive a link** to complete their nominator statement within Microsoft Forms. Nominator statement must emphasize evidence of award criteria.

#### 3. Letters of Support

Nominator's **submit at least two letters** of support that **specifically 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.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that at least one letter be from a learner.

#### 4. CV

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