



## **CUKC DISTINGUISHED TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD**

### **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The award is possible by the generosity and passion of Dr. Christena Nicholson, former CUKC Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment. When Nicholson joined Cleveland's administration, she immediately started a payroll deduction to establish a teaching excellence fund. Inspired by her personal experiences in witnessing daily academic excellence from students because of the passionate faculty who taught at CUKC.

### **AWARD**

The Distinguished Teaching Excellence Award recognizes and rewards exemplary faculty members who:

- Stand out at what they do
- Set an example for others and provide the highest quality of teaching
- Model integrity and accountability
- Innovate, create and are current with instructional technology
- Embrace diversity and respect individuality; and
- Promote community involvement and global health care

Award recipient will receive a cash award between \$500-\$1,000, depending on the fund balance. The awardee's name will be engraved on a plaque, placed on the master plaque on the south side of the campus's main entrance located in the lobby.

The selection committee will consist of the:

1. Vice President of Academic Affairs
2. Vice President of Advancement
3. Past Award Recipients (up to four)

The award will be presented at the December CUKC Employee Holiday Party or the Foundation Scholarship Banquet. The immediate past award recipient will present the award to the awardee.

### **TIMELINE**

August: Committee meets

September 1-October 31: Application open

November: Application closed. Committee reviews and selects winner.

December: Present award

## ELIGIBILITY

1. Classified as teaching faculty with direct involvement with classroom and/or clinical student education for at least six continuous trimesters at CUKC before applying.
2. May not have already received the award. One life-time award per recipient.

## APPLICATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Applications, via nominations or self-application, will be received annually from September 1- October 31.

Submit no more than two pages in total to address the criteria:

1. Positive Role Model for Students-Integrity and Accountability
2. Innovative and Current with Instructional Technology-Innovation and Creativity
3. Embraces Diversity and Respects Students Individuality- Diversity and Respect
4. Promotes Involvement in the Community and Global Issues- Service and Citizenship

Send completed nomination forms before EOB on October 31 to [foundation@cleveland.edu](mailto:foundation@cleveland.edu)

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay: