

ALBERT TEZLA TEACHER/SCHOLAR AWARD

The Albert Tezla Teacher/Scholar award is given annually to a faculty member of the College of Liberal Arts or the School of Fine Arts who has been teaching undergraduates at the University of Minnesota Duluth for a minimum of ten years, including the current academic year.

The award is given to a person who has excelled in an exceptional and effective manner in bringing into the classroom a teaching style that emphasizes to undergraduates the worth of research in a learned discipline and the maturing impact scholarly activity has on the development of human attitudes and values. The recipient of the award also must have achieved scholarly distinction as evidenced by a substantial record of scholarly productivity/creativity.

Procedures for Identification and Selection

- Identifying potential recipients, and assembling supporting documentation, will be departmental responsibility.
- College of Liberal Arts and School of Fine Arts faculty members are eligible to win the award.
- Previous award winners are eligible to win the award.
- Nominations made in any of the preceding three years will be considered automatically. The selection committee will ask for updates from the department providing the nomination.

Documentation must include the following items:

1. Evidence indicating that the nominee has excelled in an exceptional and effective manner in bringing into the classroom a teaching style that emphasizes to undergraduates the worth of research in a learned discipline and the maturing impact scholarly activity has on the development of human attitudes and values.
2. A statement of the nominee's achievement of scholarly distinction as evidenced by a substantial record of scholarly productivity/creativity.

Items 1 and 2 combined should not exceed three pages.

3. Documentation of scholarly productivity/creativity (curriculum vitae).
 4. Departmental summary of teaching contributions.
 5. Three to five letters of support from current students, former students, faculty, or staff.
- All supporting credentials must be submitted by **Friday, March 6, 2009** to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Administration.
 - The screening committee shall have four members: 1) dean of the College of Liberal Arts, 2) dean of the School of Fine Arts, 3) director of the UMD Library, and 4) a graduate student to be selected by the associate dean of the UMD Graduate School. The committee will make recommendations to the vice chancellor for academic administration.
 - The award for this year will be \$1,000.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact VCAA, extension 7104.