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**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

*Sent on behalf of Associate Dean Violet Showers Johnson*

Hello Department Heads and Assistants,

We are excited to inform you that we have received the call for the University Professorships for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence award. Please see attached University call, guidelines, and nomination template.

All nominations will be reviewed by the College of Liberal Arts Faculty Awards Committee, therefore, please submit your completed packets according to the instructions provided in the attached guidelines to Kathy Payne ([kpayne@tamu.edu](mailto:kpayne@tamu.edu)) no later than **Friday, February 4**. Please note that the deadlines in the UPUTE guidelines DO NOT reflect the internal deadlines set by the College of Liberal Arts. Late nominations cannot be accepted.

Please be aware that nominees who are not eligible will not be considered for this award. Eligibility has been established by the University as follows:

“At the time of nomination, candidates for UPUTE must have at least five year of full-time service to Texas A&M University and must show a sustained record of teaching excellence.”

The University has provided a rubric which can be found in the Guidelines. Please reference the rubric to make the most competitive nomination packet. We will use this rubric to evaluate nominees at the College level as well.

Thank you,

**Katherine Payne | Administrative Coordinator II**

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**Subject:** University Professorships for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence (UPUTE)

*Sent on behalf of Heather H. Wilkinson, Senior Associate Dean of Faculties*

Dear Deans and Dean of Faculties Operations Council Members,

This is the annual call for nominations for University Professorships for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence (UPUTE). UPUTE professorships are conferred upon the most accomplished teachers of undergraduates at Texas A&M University. At least two professorships are awarded each year and recipients are honored during the Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference in late spring. I ask that you work with your faculty to nominate one faculty member from your college for this award, using the criteria and selection process detailed in the attached guidelines document.

Candidates for UPUTE must have at least five years of full-time service to Texas A&M University and should show a sustained record of teaching excellence. UPUTE professorships consist of three-year terms. UPUTE professorships are not automatically renewed after the three-year term is over. However, previous holders may be re-nominated by their college. Faculty members who are selected for these professorships are expected to be actively involved in faculty development programs for teaching for the duration of their award.

I ask that each Dean forward nominations to the Office of the Dean of Faculties via [awardsprograms@tamu.edu](mailto:awardsprograms@tamu.edu) **by noon on February 24, 2022**, so that selections can be made in time for the Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference on May 4, 2022. The attached award guidelines provide details necessary for preparation of the nominations. This document can also be found on the Office of the Dean of Faculties website ([www.dof.tamu.edu](http://www.dof.tamu.edu)).

Sincerely,  
Heather H. Wilkinson

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