



Southeastern Conference Faculty Achievement Awards

In October 2010, the Southeastern Conference Presidents and Chancellors established a program to recognize extraordinary accomplishments of faculty at SEC universities. The SEC Faculty Achievement Awards honor those with outstanding records in both teaching and research who serve as role models for junior faculty and students. To qualify for the award, an individual's scholarly contribution or discoveries must be such that the faculty member has been acknowledged by colleagues within the discipline nationally or internationally.

One Professor of the Year Award is given to the outstanding faculty member in the SEC, the monetary value of which is \$20,000. In addition, one SEC Faculty Achievement Award winner from each SEC university will receive a \$5,000 honorarium.

The SEC Provosts comprise the selection committee charged with choosing the SEC Professor of the Year from among the SEC Faculty Achievement Award winners selected by each university. The SEC Professor of the Year Award is presented at the annual SEC Awards Dinner. Universities are also strongly encouraged to honor their own SEC Faculty Achievement Award winners on their campuses.

The SEC Faculty Achievement Awards are one SEC academic program. The SEC supports and promotes collaborative programs and activities designed to highlight the teaching, research and service accomplishments of SEC students, faculty and staff, including related successes within the Conference's intercollegiate athletics programs. It showcases these achievements on regional, national and international levels using digital and social media platforms.

Criteria for Selection of a Faculty Member

To be eligible for an SEC Faculty Achievement Award, a faculty member shall:

1. Be a teacher/scholar at the SEC university;
2. Have achieved the rank of full professor;
3. Have a record of extraordinary teaching, particularly at the undergraduate level;
4. Have an outstanding record of scholarship that is recognized nationally and/or internationally; and
5. Not be a past SEC Faculty Achievement Award winner.

How to Nominate a Faculty Member

The SEC staff will electronically distribute submission materials and instructions to the Provost or others at the university no later than the first business day in October each year. (Universities may begin the process of identifying potential recipients earlier when appropriate.)

1. The Provost, who is the university administrator responsible for management of the SEC Faculty Achievement Awards program, shall submit completed selection materials to the SEC office via [online portal](#) and by the deadline specified, typically the last business day in February.
2. Each university may select one faculty member based on the criteria set forth by the SEC office. (The composition of the selection committee and the selection process shall be left to the discretion of the university.) This individual will be considered the SEC Faculty Achievement Award winner for the university and a nominee for the SEC Professor of the Year Award.
3. In order to be considered for the SEC Professor of the Year Award, a completed selection packet must be received via the [online portal](#) no later than **1:00 p.m. ET / 12:00p.m. CT on Friday, December 13, 2024.** It must include the following materials.
 - a. The award verification form signed by the faculty member.
 - b. The award verification form signed by the university Provost.
 - c. A letter of recommendation from the university President/Chancellor. *The letter should first provide broad perspectives on the faculty member's work at the university, but it need not describe the work in detail. Second, Presidents/Chancellors are encouraged describe the faculty member's work in local, regional, national and/or international contexts. Finally, they should highlight the basis for the university's endorsement of the faculty member. The recommendation letter shall be no longer than two, single spaced pages and addressed to the SEC Associate Commissioner for Academic Relations.*
 - d. A curriculum vitae **limited to five pages**.
 - e. An impact statement from the faculty member. *The statement should address the following areas, in the order indicated. The areas are intentionally broad to ensure all faculty, regardless of discipline, have a framework to articulate their merits for selection as the SEC Professor of the Year. The impact statement shall be no longer than three, single-spaced pages.*
 - ✓ *Area(s) of expertise*
 - ✓ *Significance of work in the field*
 - ✓ *Teaching, particularly of undergraduates*
 - ✓ *Mentoring graduate students and other faculty*
 - ✓ *Service and engagement*
 - ✓ *Professional recognitions, awards and honors*
 - ✓ *Other (e.g., community engagement, relevant personal accomplishments, etc.)*
 - f. A list of scholarly publications.
 - g. For publicity, a complete biographical sketch limited to 500 words; a current professional head shot; and a current "environmental" photo (e.g., with students, in a classroom, in a lab setting, etc.). Both photos should be in color; JPEG format; 300 dpi resolution and no less than 1500x2000 pixels.