# **University Outstanding Teacher Award** Robert and Mary Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center

# Nomination Cover Sheet

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The **University Outstanding Teacher Award** was established to recognize **one** outstanding teacher each year.

This award is based on the following criteria, which are not ranked by order of importance, nor exclusive.

* Uses multiple approaches in classroom/laboratory instruction and evaluation
* Stimulates intellectual curiosity in students
* Shows evidence of being current in field/discipline
* Demonstrates commitment to student learning as instructor, role model, or positive influence on career development of students
* Reflects on past teaching experience to improve current practice

In addition, the nominee must demonstrate characteristics of outstanding teaching in the following areas:

* Course expectations demonstrate **consistently** high standards.
* Pedagogies used are designed to: a) maximize students’ engagement in their learning and b) provide **exemplary** support so that all students can be successful.

**Supporting materials to be submitted with this nomination cover sheet**

* Curriculum vitae
* Reflective statement addressing the following areas: a description of the nominee’s teaching philosophy and a reflection on teaching experiences over time (up to two pages)
* Two syllabi, from different courses
* Two assignments
* Two examinations or other final assessment in a course
* Student evaluations from all courses taught in the previous two years, arranged by semester
* Two letters of support from faculty colleagues who have knowledge of the nominee’s ability as a teacher and who are not committee members. The letters should address the criteria for the award
* Two letters of support from students, at least one of whom is currently enrolled and at least one of whom is an alumnus/a. The letters should address the criteria for the award

Please note: no additional materials beyond these items will be accepted.

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An electronic copy of this form and all supporting materials are to be submitted to [pewftlc@gvsu.edu](mailto:pewftlc@gvsu.edu) by the nominee’s Dean’s Office by November 1 at 5 p.m.