Teaching Excellence Awards

2026-2027 Call for Nominations

The Faculty Senate Teaching Enhancement Committee (TEC) and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) invite nominations to recognize outstanding educators at the University of New Mexico. All UNM instructors, students, and staff are encouraged to nominate lecturers, instructors, and professors for special award recognition. We encourage nominations from departments in all UNM colleges and branches. For more information on nominations, the application process, and deadlines, please visit the CTL website.

Our current structure for the UNM Teaching Excellence Awards highlights UNM's seven Teaching and Learning Principles and expands opportunities for educators across all campuses and contract types to be recognized for excellence in teaching.

Unlike past years, when awards were organized primarily by rank or appointment type, this format is principle-based, allowing educators to be recognized for specific aspects of their teaching practice. This approach encourages educators to reflect on their growth and helps build community by celebrating teaching excellence in its many forms and settings.

Learn more about the current structure: UNM Framework for Teaching and Learning Success

We encourage nominees and applicants from all UNM colleges, branches, and departments. The Center for Teaching and Learning offers guidance on the application process. You can also set up a consultation with the Teaching Support team (teachingsupportctl@unm.edu) to receive feedback and guidance on your materials.

To nominate an educator for any of the awards, please visit our awards page to submit their name. **The deadline for nominations will be on December 18th, 2026.** We will contact all nominees with information about the application process by December 21, 2026. If you have questions, please write to us at teachingsupportctl@unm.edu

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