



CALL FOR ENTRIES

U.S. Professors of the Year

2015 AWARDS PROGRAM

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING
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Draw attention to outstanding teaching at your college or university. Nominate a talented professor for a 2015 U.S. Professors of the Year award.

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The U.S. Professors of the Year Awards Program honors our nation's best undergraduate teachers—those who excel as educators and influence the lives and careers of their students. Sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, it is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

All undergraduate teachers in the United States, of any academic rank at private or public institutions, are eligible for the award. However, they cannot nominate themselves. Nominators must be members of the campus faculty or administration. Entries are judged by top U.S. educators and other active participants on the education scene. In 2014, the program recognized 35 winners—four national winners and 31 state winners.

CASE launched the awards program in 1981. That same year, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching began hosting the final round of judging and became the primary sponsor in 1982.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 13, 2015.

U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR WINNER RECOGNITION

NATIONAL WINNERS RECEIVE:

- An all-expense-paid trip to the award ceremonies in Washington, D.C., including expenses for a guest and a current or former student, plus:
 - An invitation to speak at the awards luncheon in the nation's capital
 - An invitation to, and recognition at, an evening congressional reception
- Media recognition
- A framed certificate recognizing the winner as a U.S. Professor of the Year
- Cash prize of \$5,000

STATE WINNERS RECEIVE:

- An invitation to the awards luncheon and evening congressional reception for the winner and a guest
- Recognition at the luncheon and reception
- Media recognition
- Personalized award certificate

“I was surprised, humbled and honored to be recognized for this award. As academics, this is one of the highest honors we can receive.”

Beth McGinnis-Cavanaugh, 2014 Massachusetts Professor of the Year, as quoted in a news article.



“Recognition from these prestigious higher education organizations validates the exceptional quality of teaching and mentoring provided by Ursinus College faculty and exemplified by Dr. [Richard] Wallace through this prestigious award.”

Terry Winegar, interim president of Ursinus College, as quoted in a news article about Richard L. Wallace, 2014 Pennsylvania Professor of the Year.



2014 NATIONAL U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

Outstanding
Baccalaureate Colleges
Professor

Laurie Grobman

Professor of English
and Women’s Studies
Pennsylvania State
University Berks
Reading, Pennsylvania

Outstanding
Community Colleges
Professor

John Wadach

Professor of Engineering
Science and Physics
Monroe Community College
Rochester, New York

Outstanding Master’s
Universities and Colleges
Professor

Patricia H. Kelley

Professor of Geology
University of North Carolina
Wilmington
Wilmington, North Carolina

Outstanding Doctoral
and Research
Universities Professor

Sheri Sheppard

Professor of Mechanical
Engineering
Stanford University
Stanford, California

PHOTOS CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT

Connecticut state winner Hisae Kobayashi attends the luncheon; Jamiennie S. Studley, deputy undersecretary of education, U.S. Department of Education, gives remarks at the awards luncheon; Maryland state winner Ken Yatta Rogers and guest enjoy the congressional reception. Photos by Daniel Peck

BENEFITS TO YOUR INSTITUTION

The award brings much acclaim, on and off campus, to national and state winners. It strengthens community interest in your institution and builds public support for its academic programs. The award highlights exceptional teaching and elevates your institution's profile on to the national stage.

Winners teach in all types of undergraduate settings nationwide—at private and public, two- and four-year institutions. They are interviewed by the media and sought after as presenters. Some testify before Congress. Others are invited as guests on talk shows and as speakers at business, civic and professional events where they frequently advocate for undergraduate education. Prominent national publications such as *USA Today*, *Inside Higher Ed* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education* cover their celebrations in Washington, D.C. Local print and broadcast outlets and campus and alumni periodicals stay on top of the story, spotlighting both the winner and your institution.

As the winners' success stories spread, people learn more about the fields in which they teach and also what makes a good undergraduate teacher. This can only be a good thing. After all, it is through the art of their teaching, the force of their knowledge and the passion of their convictions that teachers inspire students to achieve the extraordinary. By applauding the winners for their exemplary achievements, the award gives institutions an opportunity to celebrate excellence in undergraduate teaching and to provide models for faculty members and students.

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WINNERS RECEIVE
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“This honor underscores how lucky I feel to be at Reed [College], surrounded by outstanding educators and truly inspiring students. I am grateful for the opportunity to know and learn from them on a daily basis.”

Jennifer Corpus, 2014 Oregon Professor of the Year, as quoted in a news article.



“Cindie [Wade] is a shining example of what our faculty members do each day: educate and inspire. We are proud that some of the best faculty in the state and nation share their passion and expertise in our classrooms.”

Kevin A. Pollock, president of St. Clair County Community College, as quoted in a news release about Cynthia Wade, 2014 Michigan Professor of the Year.



2014 STATE U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

PHOTOS CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT
 District of Columbia state winner Heidi Elmendorf stands to be recognized along with fellow state winners at the awards luncheon; national winners and reception guests celebrate at the awards congressional reception; guests at the luncheon listen to remarks by the national winners. *Photos by Daniel Peck*

NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE

CATEGORIES

Nominees compete with their peers in one of the following categories (based on the Carnegie classification of their institution):

OUTSTANDING BACCALAUREATE COLLEGES PROFESSOR

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES PROFESSOR

OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL AND RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES PROFESSOR

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES PROFESSOR

QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

- The nominee must have taught at the undergraduate level, part- or full-time, for at least one semester during the 2014–2015 academic year.
- The nominator must be a colleague of the candidate or an administrator at the candidate's institution.
- Individuals can win in their state only once but may reapply to enter the national level at any time.
- Previous state winners who have moved to an institution in another state may reapply at the state level.
- Each campus may nominate up to three professors.
- Self-nominations and nominations by students are not accepted.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will rate entries for extraordinary work in undergraduate teaching using the following criteria:

- Impact on and involvement with undergraduate students
- Scholarly approach to teaching and learning
- Contributions to undergraduate education in the institution, community and profession
- Support from colleagues and current and former undergraduate students

SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON BOTH THE WINNER AND YOUR INSTITUTION

Local print and broadcast outlets stay on top of the story.

California Professor of the Year is from the University of San Diego



KPBS in San Diego, California



Roanoke College professor named Virginia Professor of the Year



WDBJ in Roanoke, Virginia



REQUIRED SUBMISSION MATERIALS

All materials must be submitted online. Visit usprofessorsoftheyear.org for details and examples of previous winning entries.

STEP 1.

Gather required submission materials for online entry process:

a. One-page curriculum vitae.

Submit a concise summary of the professor's education, teaching experience, other teaching awards, publications, service and other significant contributions.

b. 2014-2015 academic year teaching log (three pages or less). List the course titles, levels and a brief description of the content and pedagogy for each course the professor is teaching.

c. Candidate's personal statement.

Each candidate must write a personal statement (650 words or less) describing key contributions made as an undergraduate teacher. It should give a clear picture of the candidate's work with students and his or her scholarly approach to teaching and learning, i.e., processes for investigating, evaluating and improving teaching and learning and for sharing it with others.

d. Six letters of support (one- to two-pages each). Two letters from former undergraduate students; two letters from campus colleagues, such as the nominator, president, faculty or academic deans; and two from supporters on campus, in the community or in the candidate's profession. Letters from campus colleagues and supporters should be submitted on letterhead if possible.

STEP 2.

Go to usprofessorsoftheyear.org and click on "Nominate" to begin the online entry process. Nominators will register their professor(s), submit required documents and select payment options through this online process.

Please note that to nominate a professor(s), you must use a *CASE login. If you don't have a CASE login, you can create one by clicking on "Nominate" as instructed above and follow the instructions **Council for Advancement and Support of Education*

STEP 3.

Submit all nomination materials and entry fee by deadline below.

DEADLINE	FEE
April 13, 2015	\$95

RESUBMISSION

To re-nominate a 2014 candidate for a 2015 award, go to usprofessorsoftheyear.org and click on "Nominate" to begin the online entry process. Letters of support and the candidate's personal statement from the 2014 nomination may be re-submitted. However, a current curriculum vita and teaching log are required.

QUESTIONS?

Send an email to awards@case.org. Go online for detailed instructions: usprofessorsoftheyear.org

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Chicago Tribune

The Oregonian

The Dallas Morning News

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