

## Call for Nominations UT Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards (ROTA)

**Purpose of the ROTA:** To recognize faculty who demonstrate a commitment to teaching and delivering excellence to the learning experience through outstanding teaching including effectiveness, innovation, and creativity. See [Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards | University of Texas System \(utsystem.edu\)](https://utsystem.edu/regents-outstanding-teaching-awards) for details.

### Eligibility:

- Both tenured/tenure-track and non-tenure-track candidates
- Educators at the undergraduate or graduate level, including faculty supporting professional degree programs (i.e., J.D., M.D., M.Arch, etc.)
- Faculty who have not previously received a ROTA award

### Important Internal Due Dates

May 6, 2022	Nomination packets due (see description below); Nomination packets are sent to each Dean's Office for review
May 16, 2022	Top four selections due from each Dean; Nomination packets are sent to the Review Committee
May 24, 2022	Review Committee recommends top four applicants across the university; Applicants are notified of selection and receive coaching on application
June 13, 2022	Complete application packets due to the Provost's Office for additional review; Recommended top two applicants approved by the Provost by June 17
June 17, 2022	Top two applicants notified with time to further revise packet due June 27
June 29, 2022	Applications submitted to UT System

### Content for Nomination Packet ([Link for submission](#))

- Cover letter (Included in the Submission Form)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Teaching philosophy (max 400 words)
- Statement of evidence of teaching excellence (max 500 words). See example indicators below.
- Outline of future dissemination of methodologies and innovation (title, audience, event type, mode of delivery, and brief description of dissemination in 100 words or less).
- Endorsement from the chair describing availability of quantitative and/or qualitative evidence (e.g., student recommendations, peer faculty recommendations) of faculty's effectiveness in terms of student success and learning (The Office of the Provost will share nomination packets with respective department chairs or program directors for endorsement.)

### Indicators of Excellence in Teaching

Potential indicators of excellence in teaching include, but are not limited to, the demonstrated enhancement of student learning through:

- Developing innovations that are responsive to student needs.
- Pursuing effectiveness, innovation, and creativity in the classroom, clinic, or setting in which teaching and learning take place.
- Demonstrating the use of strategies that actively engage the learner.

- Creating opportunities for experiential learning.
- Using technology effectively.
- Adapting teaching methods to improve teaching and learning.
- Striving to learn and improve one's own teaching.
- Being a leader in teaching and learning by having a positive impact on their colleagues' teaching.