Call for Nominations
UT Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award (ROTA)

Purpose of the ROTA: To recognize faculty who demonstrate a commitment to excellence in teaching and learning through outstanding efforts to advance instructional effectiveness, innovation, and creativity. See Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards | University of Texas System (utsystem.edu) for details.

Eligibility:
- Both tenured/tenure-track and non-tenure-track candidates are eligible
- 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

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<td>April 8, 2024</td>
<td>Nomination packets due (see description below); Nomination packets are sent to each Dean’s Office for review</td>
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<td>April 15, 2024</td>
<td>Top four selections due from each Dean; Nomination packets are sent to the Review Committee</td>
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<td>April 22, 2024</td>
<td>Review Committee recommends top four applicants across the university; Applicants are notified of selection and receive coaching on application</td>
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<td>May 10, 2024</td>
<td>Complete application packets due to the Provost’s Office for additional review; Recommended top two applicants approved by the Provost by May 17th</td>
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<td>Top two applicants notified with time to further revise their packets, which are due no later than May 27th</td>
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<td>May 29, 2024</td>
<td>Applications submitted to UT System</td>
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Content for Nomination Packet ([Link for Submission](#))
- Cover letter (to be uploaded via the submission link)
- 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).

Note to applicants: Department chairs will receive a notification from the Office of the Provost requesting endorsement. Their endorsement is necessary to move forward in the process. No action is needed on behalf of the applicant to seek endorsement letters of support, though we strongly encourage you to inform your chair that you are applying.
**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 your colleagues’ teaching