MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Associate Deans, Directors, and Chairs – Norman Campus

FROM: Jill Irvine
Vice Provost for Faculty

DATE: November 27, 2018

SUBJECT: Nominations for Community Engagement and Teaching Awards

The Community Engagement awards were established in 2018 by Provost Kyle Harper to recognize mutually beneficial university-community partnerships in research and teaching. Each year, the Community Engagement Advisory Committee will review nominations for community-engagement awards for faculty. The Advisory Committee will submit their recommendations to the Provost, who makes the final selection of award recipients.

Two awards are available:

Service-Learning Teaching Award
Honorees are recognized for implementing innovative and effective teaching that demonstrates community collaboration, institutional impact and deeply engaged, high-quality learning. Service-learning courses may or may not carry the Service-Learning designation but will include at least one module in the course requirements that requires students to work in the community to address community identified needs.

Community Engaged Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity Award
Honorees are recognized for engaged scholarship, research and creative activity that is conducted in a mutually beneficial community-university partnership addressing critical community needs. This community engaged and community based work should have been undertaken during the past three years.

Each award is $1,000. Recipients must be OU faculty whose primary duties are on the Norman campus.

I now seek your assistance in soliciting nominations for the 2018-19 academic year. Attached are the procedures and nomination documents for each award.
Please advise faculty, staff, and students in your unit about these awards and send your nominations in PDF format to engage@ou.edu by January 30, 2019. The recipients will be recognized at the spring awards and honors ceremony.

If you have any questions, please contact Joy Pendley at pendley@ou.edu or me at jill.irvine@ou.edu.

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PROVOST’S COMMUNITY ENGAGED RESEARCH AND TEACHING AWARDS

GOAL: The community engagement awards are designed to recognize mutually beneficial university-community partnerships in research and teaching. Each year, the Community Engagement Advisory Committee will review nominations for community engagement awards for faculty. The advisory committee will submit their recommendations to the Provost, who makes the final selection of award recipients.

AWARD: Two $1,000 awards may be given annually to Norman campus faculty. Awards will be presented at the spring awards and honors ceremony.

ELIGIBILITY: Norman campus faculty are eligible for nomination.

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FOR SELECTION: To qualify for the community engagement awards, candidates must have conducted either community engaged scholarship/research/creative activity or taught service-learning classes, as specified below.

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SELECTION PROCESS: The Senior Vice President and Provost distributes a call for nomination letters during the fall semester. Nominations are submitted to the Provost’s office in January via engage@ou.edu. Each nomination must be accompanied by a minimum of three and a maximum of ten letters of support that specifically indicate how the nominee meets the criteria for selection. One of these letters should be from the Chair or Dean of the faculty member. In addition to letters of support, documents may include a number of brief statements of support or acknowledgement from community partners. The recommendations of the Community Engagement Advisory Committee are submitted to the Provost. The Senior Vice President and Provost makes the final selection of award recipients, who are recognized at the spring awards and honors ceremony.