

PROVOST'S OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ADVISOR AWARD

GOAL	The Provost's Outstanding Academic Advisor Award is designed to recognize outstanding contributions made by University of Oklahoma academic advisors who have consistently demonstrated the qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students.
AWARD	One \$3,000 award may be given annually to an academic advisor on the Norman campus. The award will be presented in the spring semester.
ELIGIBILITY	Professional advisors on the Norman campus are eligible for nomination.
CRITERIA FOR SELECTION	<p>To qualify for the Provost's Outstanding Academic Advisor Award, candidates must have consistently provided superior advising services to OU students. The outstanding advising performance should reflect perspective, initiative, and efforts that transcend the boundaries of the advisor's designated advising responsibilities. Normally, candidates should have been involved in advising over a period of several years.</p> <p>Types of advising activities provided by the candidate could include the following: individual academic advising regarding curriculum and graduation requirements, career counseling, developmental advising related to students' personal and social development, group advising, planning and supervising of academic advising services, use of appropriate information services, appropriate referral to other student services, and support of advisor development programs.</p> <p>Candidates also should exhibit the following professional and personal characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• demonstrated concern for the welfare of their advisees• evidence of advising philosophy that supports NACADA's Core Values• effective interpersonal communication skills• availability to advisees• willingness to seek out advisees in informal settings• ability to intervene on behalf of students in crisis• mastery of institutional regulations, policies, and procedures
SELECTION PROCESS	<p>The Senior Vice President and Provost distributes a call for nominations. Nominations may be made by any current member of the OU faculty, staff, or student body. Only electronic nominations, submitted as a single PDF document, will be accepted. Nominations are due to the Advising Awards Dropbox by February 20, 2026. With the POAAA Nomination Form, each nomination must be accompanied by a minimum of three and a maximum of seven letters of support that specifically indicate how the nominee meets the criteria for selection. One of the letters must be from the college dean, the department chair, or an individual who serves in a supervisory capacity to the academic advisor. In addition to letters of support, documents may include brief statements of support or acknowledgment from former or current students. The recommendations of the designated selection committee are due to the Provost's Office by March 13, 2026. The Senior Vice President and Provost makes the final selection of the award recipient, who is recognized at an awards ceremony in the spring.</p>