FACT² Awards Criteria and Rubrics

The FACT² Excellence in Instruction, Excellence in Instructional Support, and Excellence in Administrative Leadership Awards are system-level honors conferred to acknowledge and provide system-wide recognition for consistently superior professional achievement and to encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence.

These awards underscore SUNY’s commitment to the use of technology to support access to superior education, to advance the boundaries of knowledge, and to serve the public good. Through these awards, SUNY publicly proclaims its pride in the accomplishment and personal dedication of its Instructional Faculty, Technology Support Professionals, and Administrative Leaders.

Awards will be given in the following six categories:

- FACT² Excellence in Instruction: Community Colleges
- FACT² Excellence in Instruction: State-Operated and Statutory Campuses
- FACT² Excellence in Instructional Support: Community Colleges
- FACT² Excellence in Instructional Support: State-Operated and Statutory Campuses
- FACT² Excellence in Administrative Leadership: Community Colleges
- FACT² Excellence in Administrative Leadership: State-Operated and Statutory Campuses

Guidelines

- Nominations may be submitted for faculty, instructional support staff, and administrators working individually or in collaboration with others
- Nominations may be submitted by any SUNY employee
- Self-nomination is permitted

Recognition

- Recipients of awards will receive an award plaque at a ceremony at CIT
- Recipients of awards will receive an opportunity to present the results of their winning work at CIT
- Presidents and Chief Academic Officers will be notified of winners from their campuses

Awards Committee Review

- Two faculty reviewers from State-Operated and Statutory Campuses
- Two faculty reviewers from Community Colleges
- Two instructional support reviewers from State-Operated and Statutory Campuses
- Two instructional support reviewers from Community Colleges
- Four reviewers for Administrative Leadership nominations
- The committee will submit up to three recommendations for each award to the Council
- The FACT² Council will submit the recommendations for approval to the SUNY Office of the Provost
Award Criteria: FACT² Excellence in Instruction

These two awards recognize SUNY full or part-time teaching faculty, working individually or in collaboration with others, engaging innovative uses of technology in the teaching and learning process. A recipient of this award has incorporated new or existing technology in ways that enhance the curriculum and engage students using methods and strategies that are replicable and transportable to other settings.

Examples of exemplary Instruction may include but are not limited to:

- An exemplary on-campus, online, remote or blended course or program
- Integration of emerging and established technologies that promote interactive instruction and communication for teaching and learning
- Course or project that facilitates the involvement of students in a collaborative, active learning process
- A practice that demonstrates impact on teaching effectiveness, increased student engagement and student success.

Award Criteria: FACT² Excellence in Instructional Support

These two awards recognize excellence by full or part-time instructional support staff involved in facilitating innovative uses of educational technologies to meaningfully improve teaching and learning. Working individually or in collaboration with teaching faculty, the recipient or team receiving this award has demonstrated the ability to recognize pedagogical opportunities and to devise strategies for infusing the curriculum with innovative use of technology that supports the achievement of learning outcomes. The innovation will have the potential to be disseminated, shared, and replicated within SUNY.

Examples of exemplary Instructional Support may include but are not limited to:

- The successful implementation of new or emerging technologies that reflect the changing and expanding educational landscape
- Contributions to the enhancement of an on-campus, online, remote or blended courses or program
- Demonstration of an impact on supporting teaching effectiveness using emerging and established technologies to facilitate student engagement
Award Criteria: FACT² Excellence in Administrative Leadership

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge leaders who facilitate the use of technology by faculty and professional staff to create, enhance, or expand a service, program, or activity that advances student success. A recipient of this award has demonstrated significant and positive leadership by promoting innovation in programmatic offerings, related academic endeavors, and investments that inspire culture change. Examples of persons eligible to be nominated for the award would include but not be limited to campus and institutional leaders such as Department Chairs, Deans, Directors, and Senior Administrators such as Chief Academic Officers, Chief Information Officers and Vice-Presidents.

Examples of exemplary Administrative Leadership may include but are not limited to:

- Serving a new audience or community of learners
- Supporting professional development to inform and improve curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular experiences through technology
- Enabling staff to collaborate within an institution on shared goals and interests to effectively advance student success through technology
- Advancing similar outcomes and partnerships among SUNY campuses and beyond
- Providing and organizing resources to advance teaching and learning with technology

For all Award Categories:

Winning candidates or groups are invited to present and share content and results within the SUNY Community.

All nomination submissions must include:

- A Nomination from any SUNY employee*
- A Narrative explaining how the candidate(s) meets criteria with specific examples that describe the innovation
- Three Letters of recommendation from faculty or instructional support partners**
- A Statement from the Nominee acknowledging the reason for the nomination
- Student letters/testimonials (optional, and in addition to required letters)

*No member of the FACT² Advisory Council nor any voting member (listed in FACT² Bylaws section 2.b and 2.c) may be nominated.
  i. Any nomination of a member of the FACT² Advisory Council or any voting member (listed in FACT² Bylaws section 2.b and 2.c) will be excluded from the review and voting process.
  ii. Any nominator who has submitted a nomination of a member of the FACT² Advisory Council or any voting member (listed in FACT² Bylaws section 2.b and 2.c) will be notified the nomination has been disqualified.

**No member of the FACT² Advisory Council nor any voting member (listed in FACT² Bylaws section 2.b and 2.c) may provide a Letter of Recommendation (LoR) for any nominee.
  i. FACT² Council Members and voting members (listed in FACT² Bylaws section 2.b and 2.c) are required to decline a request to write a letter of recommendation for a potential awardee. Letters of Recommendation provided by a FACT² Council Member or a voting member (listed in FACT² Bylaws section 2.b and 2.c) will be disqualified.
  ii. Any nomination submitter who has used an LoR from a FACT² Council Member or a voting member (listed in FACT² Bylaws section 2.b and 2.c) will be notified the LoR has been disqualified. The submitter will be given the opportunity to replace it with another LoR.