# The Distinguished Teacher Award for 2019-2020

James Madison University prides itself on the accomplishments and commitment of its faculty. Each year, in recognition of superlative achievement, each college in the University presents to one professor the Distinguished Teacher Award. The award was established in 1981 to honor one faculty member annually for exemplary teaching. The award was named after the late Carl Harter who was a distinguished member of JMU's academic community.

The College of Science and Mathematics Distinguished Teacher will be chosen by the College Faculty Assistance Committee and this person will be given an honorarium of $1000. An announcement of the recipients from each of the academic colleges will be made during the spring semester by the Provost’s Office.

A list of the past winners of the teaching award can be found here [link to https://www.jmu.edu/academic-affairs/awards/teacher.shtml].

# Timeline

* Announcement from Dean’s office in April.
* Reminder from Dean’s office in August.
* Departments inform nominees of their nomination no later than early September.
* Package due electronically as a PDF to the CSM Dean’s office (nealeap@jmu.edu) by **12:00 noon, EDT, on November 2, 2018.**

# Candidate Requirements and Procedures

To be eligible for the College Distinguished Teacher Award one must:

* 1. Currently teach undergraduates and/or graduate students.
  2. Currently have full-time (non-retired or non-emeritus) status.
  3. Have completed at least five years of service at JMU.
  4. Have never received the College Distinguished Teacher Award.

Nominations may be made by individuals, colleagues, or by their department head/ school director. All nominees should submit a dossier that consists of the following:

* A maximum of three letters of recommendation reflecting evidence for teaching excellence from peers and/or evidence from students’ perspective: Letters of recommendation must not be longer than one page and should be addressed to the chair of the Faculty Assistance Committee. If a letter of recommendation is from a student (no more than one), then the student must have graduated, preferably few years prior. It is also encouraged that one letter of recommendation is from an external reviewer.
* A maximum two-page statement of educational philosophy.
* A two or three-page resume.
* A list of all courses taught in the last five years with a brief indication of the role played in the development and/or modification of any of those courses. A file of sample materials used during one course must be included.
* A statement on how the nominee’s teaching has impacted teaching beyond JMU, on the local, national and/or international level.