

Faculty Excellence Awards: Criteria and Information

UCA has three faculty awards designed to encourage and reward excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service. The awards provide recognition of the importance the university places on these three fundamental areas, they publicize the vitality of faculty efforts in these areas, and they reward faculty who have excelled in their contributions to the university, to their disciplines, and to the world community.

I. Description of the awards

A. Teaching Excellence Award

This award is given to faculty who have consistently demonstrated exceptional performance in teaching. Recipients of this award strive to enhance student learning as they continually seek ways to improve their teaching.

B. Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Award

This award recognizes individuals whose contributions to their disciplines have been exemplary. Through original work in research, scholarship or creative activities (such as performances and artistic productions), they have expanded human knowledge, interpreted the human experience, or enhanced the quality of our lives.

C. Public Service Award

This award recognizes individuals whose service contributions to the UCA community, professional community, and other communiti

3. External documentation attesting to the quality and value of the work. Nominees will be asked to provide evidence that their work has an impact on their discipline and society at large. Documentation may include book reviews, awards, ratings of journals, journal acceptance rates, citations in other works, etc. Actual articles and/or excerpts from books (e.g., chapters) might be included in the portfolio. Also, nominees might include letters from department colleagues or other experts attesting to the significance of the work.

Nominees should remember that the award is given to the discipline as a whole, not to any one individual.

