

First Year Experience Instructor Award

Guidelines

The First Year Experience Instructor Award was established in 1999 to honor those who teach and mentor within our University Learning Skills and Faculty/Student Seminar courses. First Year Experience (FYE) classes are designed to support and challenge first year students as they transition to the University of Connecticut. This award provides the Office of First Year Programs with a unique opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the faculty and professional staff who work with first year students. *The recipients of the First Year Experience Instructor Award will each receive \$500.00.*

Criteria

The criteria used to determine the recipient(s) of the First Year Experience Instructor Award are as follows:

- Minimum of two years teaching First Year Experience classes
- Demonstrates care and attention for first year students
- Displays commitment to furthering student growth and development through activities in and out of the classroom
- Supports the development of students' major and career aspirations
- Demonstrates innovation and creativity in teaching
- Participates in our community of first year teaching and learning through ongoing professional development and collaboration with other faculty and staff

Nomination Procedures

Nominations can be completed online at: http://fye.uconn.edu/award_nomination.htm.

FYE Instructors can be nominated by another FYE instructor, the undergraduate mentor who assisted with his/her class, a staff member, or by a student.

Once the Office of First Year Programs receives a nomination, the nominee will be contacted and asked to provide the following:

1. Curriculum Vitae, Résumé, or Biosketch (*No more than 2 pages*)
2. Statement to share personal philosophy on teaching a First Year Experience seminar (*1 page, single-spaced, 12 pt font*)
3. FYE Class Syllabus

Announcement

The recipients of the First Year Experience Instructor & Mentor Awards will be announced at the Instructional Excellence Recognition Dinner each Spring.