**NAU Award for Liberal Studies Excellence**

Deadline: February 5, 2021

This annual award recognizes and rewards sustained instructional excellence by faculty of all ranks teaching Liberal Studies classes. Winners will receive an award certificate and a fund of $500 (sponsored by the Office of the Provost) that may be used for any allowable expense under university policy.

One award will be given each year for one faculty member teaching a course or courses in the Liberal Studies Program. **Note:** *No sitting member of the Liberal Studies Committee is eligible for the award.*

**Application/Nomination** *Third party or self-nominations are invited.*

The application must contain the following five components:

1. A cover sheet identifying the candidate’s name, departmental affiliation, number of years at NAU, and a paragraph describing the candidate’s teaching assignment over the past three years;
2. A narrative (no more than two pages in length) that clearly and concisely demonstrates how the candidate has met the selection criteria of:
3. Advancing the goals of the Liberal Studies Program through such activities as curriculum and teaching innovations, grant activities, research studies, publications, and creative endeavors;
4. Making substantive positive impact on student learning in the Liberal Studies Program, *e.g*., through ability to make connections between course content and goal of Liberal Studies Program (including knowledge related to distribution blocks), through innovations in pedagogy and practice, through the mentoring of fellow faculty, through student assessment information, through in- and out-of-class instructional activities, through student achievements; and
5. Assisting students in learning one or more of the Liberal Studies Essential Skills.
6. An abbreviated CV (not more than 2 pages) from the nominee that summarizes education, professional experiences, and other information applicable to the award criteria.
7. A letter of support from your Chair/Dean.
8. A letter of support from a student.

**Award recipients will:**

1. Serve as a resource to the Liberal Studies Committee (e.g. participating as an *ex officio* member of the Liberal Studies Committee);
2. Participate in Faculty Development activities specifically dedicated to Liberal Studies, including the mentoring of faculty.
3. Consult on efforts to educate and disseminate information to students, faculty, and advisors about the value of Liberal Studies.

Send electronic copies of application/nomination to: [Liberal.Studies@nau.edu](mailto:barbara.branton@nau.edu)

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