

# Faculty Center



January 19, 2021

On behalf of the Spanos Award Selection Committee, I would like to invite you to apply for the 2021 Alex G. and Faye Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award based upon your selection within the past three years as a recipient of a distinguished teaching award in your college or school. Complete applications are due to be submitted in a [single pdf file here via Qualtrics](#) before **5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021**. Incomplete applications will not be considered, and prior winners are not eligible.

Include a table of contents that follows the structure listed below.

- Table of contents
- A 250-500 word teaching statement that addresses the following:
  - Goals for student learning -- what do you hope students take away from your classes?
  - Engaging students -- what innovative practices have you used?
  - Assessment of student learning -- what is the impact of your teaching?
  - Creating an inclusive environment -- how do you engage diverse students and create an inclusive and equitable classroom?
  - Future directions -- what are your goals going forward?
- A list (2 pages maximum) of courses taught and teaching/learning/mentoring activities
- A supervisor's letter of recommendation (from the UNLV supervisor who provides your annual evaluations) and up to 4 additional letters of recommendation from students and/or colleagues, who may comment on the candidate's effectiveness, achievements, or abilities as a teacher.  
**Explicit, concrete examples of the instructor's effectiveness are most useful.**
- A one-page summary of student teaching evaluations (see example: <http://bit.ly/SummaryEvals>) for up to three classes taught in the past four semesters.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Supplementary materials may include a selection of the following, but need not be comprehensive.
  - Recent self-evaluations and/or evaluations by the candidate's supervisor or dean. (Consider including these if they address the applicant's teaching accomplishment.)
  - No more than three examples (reprints or copies) of significant works that the candidate feels are representative of his or her teaching accomplishments. **Examples include, but are not limited to:** course outlines/syllabi, samples of course handouts, exercises the candidate has developed, distance education materials, videos developed by the

candidate, and samples of exams. (Please include a brief summary up to 150 words to summarize how each example demonstrates the applicant's work to address challenges and/or provide outstanding educational experiences for students.)

Evaluators will be judging the application based on the following general formula:

- Focus/Philosophy of Teaching 30%
- Innovation/Special Expertise 30%
- Evidence of impact on student success 30%
- Teaching Evaluations 10%

For tips on compiling an excellent application please review "[Preparing an Application for a UNLV Teaching Award.](#)"

The Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award carries with it a one-time cash award of \$2,000 and a personal plaque, and awardees will be recognized at the UNLV Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony in April. You would be an excellent nominee for this award, and we welcome your application.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Bowles-Terry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light gray rectangular background.

Melissa Bowles-Terry  
Associate Director, Faculty Center