

The Claire Tow Distinguished Teacher Award Guidelines

The Claire Tow Distinguished Teacher Award was established through a generous gift from Leonard Tow, a member of the Class of 1950 and a trustee of the Brooklyn College Foundation, in honor of his wife, Claire Tow, a member of the Class of 1952.

The award recognizes a senior member of the faculty for outstanding qualities as a teacher and for being a role model to students and other faculty. It carries a stipend of \$10,000, to be paid in one installment through the Brooklyn College Foundation, and will be presented during the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the Faculty Day Conference. The award will be duly publicized in the college community, the Alumni Association and the media.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Members of the full-time faculty with strong academic credentials who have come to embody the values espoused by the college's mission statement and who over time have significantly contributed to the high quality of teaching at the college are eligible for nomination.

The primary criterion is excellence in teaching—defined in line with the following dimensions and established on the basis of the following evidence:

- **Mastery and Creative Application of Pedagogic Techniques.** The nominee must demonstrate exceptional skill in one or a variety of teaching methods and show creativity in the use of those teaching methods. Evidence for such skill and creativity would be found in peer reviews and teaching portfolios.
- **Academic Standards and Student Performance.** The nominee should exhibit a dedication to helping students achieve the highest academic standards and require them to achieve and maintain those standards. Evidence for this dimension would be found in the volume and difficulty of the course assignments, the policies and procedures established to support student achievement, and the ready availability of the nominee to students in and out of the classroom.

Nomination and Selection Process

Nominations may be made by individual members of the faculty, department chairpersons and members of the administration. Members of the faculty may not nominate themselves.

Nominators, having obtained the consent of the candidate, should forward the name of the candidate, current curriculum vitae and a letter of support to the Office of the Associate Provost for Faculty and Administration. The letter should cite concrete examples to show how the candidate meets the established criteria. Candidates will be asked to submit a teaching portfolio that includes a statement of teaching philosophy, sample syllabi, assignments and lesson plans, evidence of course or curricular development, teaching observations and student evaluations.

The president, in consultation with the provost, will select the recipient.

Letters of nomination, accompanied by supporting documentation, should be sent to the Office of the Associate Provost for Faculty and Administration, 3227 Boylan Hall, by Monday, March 14, 2016.

Responsibility

Recipients of the Claire Tow Distinguished Teacher Award will be expected, during the next academic year, to share their teaching expertise with colleagues at the New Faculty Retreat and other college fora, such as workshops sponsored by the Roberta S. Matthews Center for Teaching or the Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute.

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The award will be presented during the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the 20th Anniversary Faculty Day Conference on Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Associate Provost Matthew Moore at MatthewM@brooklyn.cuny.edu or (718) 951-5024.