

University of Florida Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars

The University of Florida has created the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars that recognizes faculty who have excelled as teaching scholars throughout their careers and who are committed to involvement in the development and implementation of programs that enhance the University of Florida's ability to improve its high level of academic excellence. While Department, College and University teaching awards acknowledge past accomplishments on an annual basis, the recipients of this honor are bestowed lifetime Academy membership. The program serves to recognize those who provide the very best educational experiences for our graduate and undergraduate students while maintaining excellence in other areas of scholarship.

A maximum of two new members are inducted into the Academy each year. The selection process is conducted by current members of the Academy who review and discuss each nomination packet. Faculty members inducted into the Academy receive \$3,000 per year (total of \$9,000 over 3 years) to be used for professional development activities and expenditures as approved by their department. At the conclusion of their three-year term, scholars will retain the title of Distinguished Teaching Scholar and continue to be a part of the Academy. (For more details, please refer to the Academy's website: <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/Provost/Pages/Academy-of-Distinguished-Teaching-Scholars/Overview>.)

Self-nominations are acceptable, but as with all nominations, they must be accompanied by a letter of support from the nominee's Chair, Director or Associate Dean as well as approval by College Dean.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be tenured UF faculty who hold at a minimum, the rank of Associate Professor
- Applicants must be employed by the University of Florida a minimum of 5 years.

Nomination:

- Candidates must be self-nominated or nominated by their Department Chairs, Division Directors, Associate Deans, or Deans.
- Please note a Dean's letter is a required component of the application process.

Criteria:

- Applications must demonstrate a strong record of integration of superior teaching and research and a record of distinguished scholarly accomplishment that has garnered recognition at the national and/or international level.
- Candidates should articulate strategies to advance the mission and vision of the ADTS through their work on specific projects.
- The selection process is highly competitive and based on merit.
- All of the required components of the application packet must be submitted by the deadline.

Documents Required by UFCD Office of Faculty Affairs:

- All requested documents must be submitted directly to the UFCD Office of Faculty Affairs as one PDF file (swallet@dental.ufl.edu). The following components are required:
 - A 5 page (12-point font single spaced) narrative that provides the information outlined in the [Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars Application Guidelines](#)
 - A signed letter of support from the Department Chair, Division Director or Associate Dean that documents the candidate's standing in his/her field.

Documents Required by UF Provost's Office:

- Once the college selects the nominees, nomination packets will be sent electronically to PVFA@aa.ufl.edu. **Final applications will be submitted by the office of the Dean.**

Expectations of Academy Members

- To meet their commitment to the Academy, scholars are expected to be active participants in Academy programing and governance during at least the first three years of membership. Specifically, incoming Academy scholars will work with existing members to develop programs (e.g., workshops, speaker series, etc.) to enhance the scholarship of teaching and learning at University of Florida during these three years. At the conclusion of their three-year term, scholars will retain the title of Distinguished Teaching Scholar and continue to be a part of the Academy.