



Date: January 28, 2026

To: Deans, Directors and Department Heads

From: Dr. Mark G. Torchia, Vice-Provost (Learning, Analytics, and Academic Infrastructure)

Re: **Saunderson and Stanton Awards for Excellence in Teaching**

I am writing to announce the call for nominations for the 2026 Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Saunderson and the Olive Beatrice Stanton Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

The Olive Beatrice Stanton Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes faculty members who:

1. Demonstrate evidence of continuing teaching excellence, and
2. Have made significant contributions to teaching and learning at UM.

The Award consists of a plaque and a monetary award of \$7,500.

The Dr. And Mrs. H. H. Saunderson Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes faculty members who:

1. Demonstrate evidence of continuing teaching excellence,
2. Have made significant contributions to teaching at UM as well as nationally and internationally, and
3. Demonstrate success in educational leadership and higher education research and/or scholarship of teaching and learning.

The Award consists of a plaque and a monetary award of \$12,500.

Guidelines for both awards can be found on the [Provost and Vice-President \(Academic\) website](#).

The executive summary is due Monday, February 23, 2026 and the full nomination is due Monday, March 30, 2026.

We would appreciate you circulating this information in your unit.

Please consider nominating faculty members who have made a significant contribution to teaching excellence. Resubmission of *updated* previous applications are also welcome.

The Vice-Provostial Teaching Awards Committee looks forward to reviewing the nominations. Recipients will be announced at the Spring 2026 convocation.

(Please note: each Faculty/College/School may submit only one candidate for each award. The process for submission should ensure not only that nominees are identified, but that a strong match exists between the nominees' achievements and the criteria for each award.)