

## **GUIDELINE OVERVIEW FACULTY AWARDS AND HONORS WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY**

This overview includes information about the Emeritus/Emerita Designation, E. Riley Holman Memorial Faculty Award, the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, Distinguished Sponsored Research Award, Trustees' Achievement Award, Deans' Award for Teaching Excellence in General Education, and Campus Diversity Award.

Candidates may be nominated for only one award each academic year. Previous nominees are eligible for renomination for the Distinguished Research Award (at least three years after receiving one), Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award and Campus Diversity Award.

Nominators should describe their relationship to the applicant and the evaluative criteria of the letter writer.

Application forms and guidelines for each award are available on the provost's website. Applications are considered complete when they include all materials on the checklist.

When submitting the application please include all information in **one single file**.

### **Emeritus/Emerita Designation**

Emeritus/Emerita status is conferred on retiring or retired members of the faculty whose contribution to the university has been exemplary.

Nomination process:	Formal nomination by a member of the academic community (No student or self-nomination)
Application deadline:	February 14, 2025
Presentation:	December Commencement
Award:	Certificate, listing in university catalogs, and other rights and privileges associated with the University

### **E. Riley Holman Memorial Faculty Award**

The E. Riley Holman Memorial Faculty Award honors a faculty member who demonstrates innovative teaching techniques that foster student creativity.

Nomination process:	Nominations may be made by individuals, groups, or departments of the university community. (Self-nominations accepted)
Application deadline:	February 14, 2025
Presentation:	December Commencement
Award:	Certificate, listing in the university catalogs, \$3,000 to be used to pursue research or professional development.

### **Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award**

The Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award is presented to a faculty member for demonstrated excellence in teaching, the development of a course(s) based upon innovative concepts, or the development of an innovative method of teaching.

Nomination process: Formal nomination by a member of the academic community  
(No student or self-nomination)  
Application Deadline: February 14, 2025  
Award presented: December Commencement  
Award: Certificate; \$4,000 award to support teaching and scholarly activities

### **Distinguished Research Award**

The Distinguished Research Award is presented to full-time faculty members for their outstanding achievements in creative, research or scholarly activities, either for a specific project or a body of work accumulated over multiple years. An individual or a group of faculty members working on the same project may be nominated.

Nomination process: Formal nomination by a member of the academic community  
(No student or self-nomination)  
Application deadline: February 14, 2025  
Presentation: December Commencement  
Award: Certificate; \$2,000 award

### **Trustees' Achievement Award**

The Trustees' Achievement Award recognizes distinguished scholarly and creative work by a current West Chester University faculty member: specific, original contributions to a discipline (as in a research study, monograph, scholarly paper, literary work, musical composition, or work of art), or a significant collective body of work. Emphasis is on the national and international contribution of the scholarly work. Applications are to be evaluated by a panel of independent evaluators in the candidate's field. Criteria include significance, quality, and originality of work within the discipline.

Nomination process: Formal nomination by a member of the academic community  
(No student or self-nomination)  
Application deadline: February 14, 2025  
Award presented: December Commencement  
Award: Certificate  
¼ alternate workload assignment for one full academic year  
\$1,000 award to support scholarly activities

### **Deans' Award for Teaching Excellence in General Education**

The Deans' Award for Teaching Excellence in General Education honors a faculty member who has contributed significantly to the general education program at West Chester University.

Nomination Process: Formal letter of nomination by nominator  
Application deadline: February 14, 2025  
Award presented: December Commencement  
Award: \$1,000, certificate and listing in the university catalogs

### **Campus Diversity Award**

The WCU Campus Diversity Award honors adjunct or full-time faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to the spirit of diversity on the West Chester University campus.

Nomination Process: Nomination letters, description of contributions. Curriculum vitae  
Application deadline: February 14, 2025  
Award presented: December Commencement  
Award: Fee reimbursement up to \$2,000 for participation in diversity-related conference