

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Ringenberg Award

Purpose and Criteria

The Ringenberg Award is the highest faculty honor bestowed by Eastern Illinois University's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The award is named in honor of Lawrence A. Ringenberg, the first dean of Arts & Sciences at EIU serving from 1961-1980. In the tradition of Dr. Ringenberg, this award recognizes excellence in our academic community. The award is given to tenured faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for exceptional performance during their academic career at Eastern Illinois University. The award shall be made in the spring semester of each academic year. The award criteria are:

- A published scholar who has developed a national or international reputation in his or her field.
- A teacher of the highest caliber, dedicated to helping students achieve their personal and professional goals.
- A person with a distinguished record of service to his or her Department, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the University, and/or his or her profession.

The above criteria are listed in order of importance. No award will be made if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee and/or the Dean, there is no nominee who adequately meets at least the first two criteria.

Eligibility

- Full-time tenured faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences who have completed at least five academic years of employment in the College.
- Previous recipients of the Ringenberg Award are not eligible.
- Members of the Ringenberg Award Selection Committee in a given year are not eligible for the award.

Nomination Process

- Any College of Liberal Arts & Sciences faculty member or department chair may nominate one eligible faculty colleague in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for the Ringenberg Award. Selection committee members are excluded from participating in the nomination process.
- By the posted deadline, nominators will submit the following materials to the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean's through their website:
<https://www.eiu.edu/clas/machform/view.php?id=12685>
 - ✓ A letter of nomination outlining the reasons for the nomination.
 - ✓ A written summary of the nominee's achievements and contributions.
 - ✓ Up to two letters in support of the nominee.
 - ✓ The nominee's curriculum vitae with relevant activities highlighted.
- No other materials will be considered by the Ringenberg Award Selection Committee.

Selection Process

- The Selection Committee will consist of three members, two of whom are previous Ringenberg Award recipients and one a CLAS department chair representative.
- The Selection Committee will review all completed applications.
- The Selection Committee will make recommendations to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.
- The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences will select the recipient(s).
- The chair of the Selection Committee will inform the recipient(s) of the award.