University Faculty Scholars Program

Bemidji State University is offering a recognition program for faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding teaching, service or scholarship in three successive years. Entitled the University Faculty Scholars Program of Bemidji State University, nominations are invited from faculty members of Bemidji State University for this recognition.

The criteria for awarding the status of University Scholar are:

1. Contribution to the discipline and to the academy through high quality scholarly publications;
2. Contribution to the discipline and to the academy through high quality, recognized creative endeavors and/or recognition for artistic works;
3. Demonstrated progress in establishing or developing a relevant and high-potential research program;
4. Demonstrated high level of instructional effectiveness and student learning;
5. Other demonstrated scholarly activities performed at an exemplary level.

The nominator will present support and rationale showing how the candidate meets the criteria, as stated above. This nomination narrative shall be in writing, no longer than two pages, containing appropriate evidence and submitted to the Office of the President by March 16, 2016.

In selecting University Scholars, the President may consider a variety of sources of evidence of outstanding teaching, service or scholarship, including but not limited to, scholarly publications, coverage in local and/or national media, unsolicited recognition by local or national service or professional organizations or agencies, professional development reports, departmental evaluations/recommendations, and assessments by supervisors.

Faculty members appointed as University Scholars will receive a cash award/lump sum payment in the year of their appointment. The cash award amount will depend on monies available each year, but will never be less than $5,000. This award may be used any way the recipient chooses.

In recognition of receipt of this university honor, the University Scholar agrees to present one honors seminar to the academic community during the following academic year on a topic related to the faculty member’s expertise, the scholar agrees to normal recognition steps through media outlets available to the university, and the scholar agrees to be present at commencement for recognition (not a speaking opportunity).

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