

# SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY



Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President

Dear Spartan Community,

The Academic Senate and the President’s Office kindly request nominations for the 2025-2026 Faculty Outstanding Lecturer Award, Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding Professor Award, and President’s Scholar Award as provided by [University Policy S13-6](#). Please review the [nomination criteria](#) for each of the awards and complete and **submit** the [nomination form](#) via Google Form by **Wednesday, November 5, 2025**.

To be eligible for any of the four faculty awards, an individual must: a) be a faculty member as defined by the Senate [Constitution](#) and [Bylaws](#); b) not be part of the Management Personnel Plan (MPP) either when nominated or selected; c) not be retired - although retirement during the academic year does not forfeit eligibility for that year - and d) not have been awarded the particular award previously.

Please note that a previously tenured faculty who has relinquished tenure to participate in an early retirement program (e.g. FERP) will be eligible during the first year of the retirement program, and they will be regarded as retaining the academic rank held prior to the early retirement. Also note that nominees who are not selected in one year will remain in consideration in subsequent years; the awards committees will consider a nomination and its supporting materials through three selection cycles.

The following are the additional requirements for particular awards: a) nominees for the President's Scholar award must have attained the rank of Professor; b) for the Outstanding Lecturer award, a lecturer must have been at SJSU for at least six semesters; c) for the President’s Scholar award and the Outstanding Professor Award nominees must have earned tenure at San José State University; d) for the Distinguished Service Award, nominees must either have earned tenure at SJSU or have been a full time Student Services Professional III or IV employee continuously for six years.

All nominations must be accompanied by a 1500-word (maximum) letter stating the reasons for nominating the faculty/lecturer member and describing the accomplishments of the nominee as appropriate to the award criteria. Nominations may come from any source, including self-nominations.

The award recipients officially will be recognized and invited to deliver a short address to the SJSU academic community at the **Annual Celebrating Spartans: Honoring Faculty and Staff event on April 8, 2026**. The individuals selected will each receive a plaque and a monetary award as well.

The awards timeline is as follows:

Date:	Description:
October 1, 2025	Nominations Open
November 5, 2025	Deadline to Submit Nominations
February 18, 2026	Deadline for Awards Selections Committees to Submit Recommendations to the President

March 4, 2026	President announces Award Winners
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If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Academic Senate Office at [senate@sjsu.edu](mailto:senate@sjsu.edu). Thank you.

Sincerely,

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