



Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award

Engaged in Creating a Better Future

Academic Year: 2012 - 2013

Nomination Deadline: April 2, 2013

For many University of Toledo faculty members, professional engagement with one's community is a frequent, productive and appreciated context in which to conduct, synthesize and integrate teaching, research and professional service. Rather than approaching community engagement as something in addition to regular academic responsibilities, faculty members worthy of this award recognize community engagement as an applied, effective and socially-valuable means of using their disciplinary knowledge to advance the human condition. To recognize these UT faculty members for excellence in their outreach and/or scholarly engagement efforts, Toledo resident Edith Rathbun has endowed the Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Fund.

Edith Rathbun, a 1934 Scott High School graduate, worked for the Sun Oil Company as a secretary for 35 years. Her gift recognizes the value of acknowledging faculty for excellence in their professional engagement and for the positive impact their work has on student learning, research and the community.

The Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Fund will recognize faculty for exceptional community outreach and for excellence in community-engaged scholarship, whether in research, teaching or professional service. Engaged scholarship, for this purpose, means that the research, teaching or professional service is:

- conducted in close partnership with community constituents,
- meets high academic standards, and
- that the outcomes mutually benefit UT and the community.

Up to two annual recognition awards of \$750 each will be awarded at the Outstanding Awards Reception on April 22, 2013.

NOMINATION PROCESS (In answering each question, type or paste in as much text as needed.)

Guidelines:

1. Eligible outreach or engagement includes distinguished outreach and/or community-engaged academic activities using one's professional expertise, such as:
 - designing and conducting community-based research,
 - developing and/or administering an exemplary community-engaged program or service initiative,
 - community-engaged teaching (such as service learning, specialized clinical initiatives, or field experiences), and
 - professional service (involving one's professional knowledge).
2. The content of the supporting statement is a highly important factor.
3. Full-time faculty members in all University of Toledo colleges are eligible.
4. Nominations may be made by faculty, staff, students, alumni and community partners.
5. Nominations of a faculty project team may be made, and in the case of an award, it will be split among the project team members.
6. The selection committee is comprised of faculty and staff members with particular commitment to engaged scholarship, including some past recipients.

Past Recipients include: Patrick McGuire, Mohamed Samir Hefzy, Celia Williamson, Alvin Compaan, Gabrielle Davis, Clint Longenecker, Mojisola Tiamiyu, Barbara Floyd and Kimberly Brownlee, Neil Reid, Mark Vonderembse, Tom Barden, Michele Knox, Sudershan Pasupuleti, and Patrick Lawrence.



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Nomination Form

NOMINEE(s): _____

Faculty Rank: _____

College and Department: _____

Office Address and MS Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

NOMINATOR: _____

College and Department: _____

Office Address MS Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

1. **Name and description of the Engagement Program/Project/Distinguished Service, etc.:**
2. **Quality of Work – describe the indicators of excellence:**
3. **Impact - Characterize the current and potential impact and/or outcomes on UT’s student learning, community-based research, on the community partners and on the community:**
4. **Additional Comments:**

Return nominations to:

UT Innovation Enterprises by one of the following means:

- Email: Penny.Thiessen@utoledo.edu
- FAX: 419-530-6172
- Campus Mail: UT Innovation Enterprises, MS 218
- U.S. Mail (allow two days): The University of Toledo, *Innovation Enterprises*, MS #218, 2801 W. Bancroft, Toledo, OH 43606