



Office of the Provost

Distinguished Creative Activities in the Arts

Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Application Deadline: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Award Description

The Distinguished Creative Activities in the Arts Award recognizes one early-career (<7 years) and one senior (7+ years) faculty member whose creative achievements have demonstrated exceptional distinction and impact within their areas such as visual and performing arts, creative writing, design, media production, and other forms of creative expression.

This award honors faculty whose artistic and creative endeavors exemplify innovation, excellence, and meaningful contribution to the arts for the past six years since academic year 2020-2021.

Award Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility Criteria

Full-time faculty (tenure-earning, tenured, or non-tenure-earning) with at least 3 years of employment at UWF who demonstrate distinguished records of creative activities are eligible for nomination, except for the recipients of the UWF Distinguished University Professorship.

Application Process and Portfolio

Candidates for consideration may be identified through nomination by a second party (e.g., faculty or student) or by direct application of the individual. All candidates will be asked to submit an electronic professional packet through Interfolio that includes the following:

1. Statement of contribution.
2. An updated curriculum vitae.

Selection Criteria

- Creative Excellence and Quality of Work
 - Demonstrates outstanding artistic, scholarly, or creative achievement.
 - Produces work of exceptional quality, rigor, and professional merit.
 - Reflects mastery and distinction within the discipline.
- Innovation and Originality
 - Advances new ideas, approaches, perspectives, or methodologies.
 - Demonstrates creativity, imagination, and originality.
 - Challenges conventional practices or contributes novel forms of expression.
- Impact on the Discipline and Professional Recognition
 - Achieves recognition through exhibitions, performances, publications, productions, commissions, awards, reviews, or invitations.
 - Influences the field of practice
 - Demonstrates regional, national, or international visibility and impact.
- Sustained Influence and Future Promise
 - Demonstrates a sustained record of creative achievement and impact.
 - Shows continued growth, influence, and leadership within the field.
 - For early-career faculty, exhibits exceptional potential for future distinction and contribution.

Award Timeline

All faculty are welcome to nominate colleagues or themselves for an award.

Nominations **must** be submitted using the 2026 Faculty Award Nomination form.

- Nominations for a colleague must be received no later than **Wednesday, September 2, 2026**. Eligible faculty will be notified and can then choose whether or not to apply.
- Self-nominations can be submitted after **September 2, 2026** but must be received in order to confirm eligibility.
- Application materials will be submitted using [Interfolio](#). Faculty will receive a notification when their application packet is created and available to them.
- Application packets must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**.

Award announcements will be made at the 2026 Faculty Awards Celebration to be held on **Thursday, November 19, 2026**.

Distinguished Creative Activities in the Arts																		
CRITERIA SCORES (please use a score of 20/15/10/5/0 for each criterion):																		
20=Excellent	15=Very Good	10=Good	5=Fair	0=No Evidence														
Candidate 1	Candidate 2	Candidate 3	Candidate 4	Candidate 5	Candidate 6													
						(30%) Creative Excellence and Quality of Work Demonstrates outstanding artistic, scholarly, or creative achievement. Produces work of exceptional quality, rigor, and professional merit. Reflects mastery and distinction within the discipline.												
						(20%) Innovation and Originality Advances new ideas, approaches, perspectives, or methodologies. Demonstrates creativity, imagination, and originality. Challenges conventional practices or contributes novel forms of expression.												
						(20%) Impact on Discipline and Professional Recognition Achieves recognition through exhibitions, performances, publications, productions, commissions, awards, reviews, or invitations. Influences the field of practice Demonstrates regional, national, or international visibility and impact.												
						(20%) Institutional and Educational Enrichment Enhances the cultural and intellectual life of the institution. Contributes to collaborative initiatives, programming, or interdisciplinary efforts.												
						(10%) Sustained Influence and/or Future Promise Demonstrates a sustained record of creative achievement and impact. Shows continued growth, influence, and leadership within the field. For early-career faculty, exhibits exceptional potential for future distinction and contribution.												
0	0	0	0	0	0	TOTAL SCORE (0 - 100)												