University Co-Op Excellence in Teaching Award 2014

Overview
The purpose of the award is to promote, recognise and reward the innovative use of academic and support resources in teaching which contribute to engaged, student-centred experiences. The innovation may be in the development or use of new technologies, or the innovative use of existing technologies.

Description
The Co-Op will award an individual member of the University teaching community who can demonstrate outstanding achievement in student-focused teaching.

Recommendations for the award will be made by a committee appointed by the Co-Op. The winner will be awarded $1,000 in vouchers and cash for the purchase of teaching resources.

To encourage enhancement of teaching practices, the recipient of the prize will be required to speak at a student function outlining their commitment to teaching, learning and educating potential academics on teaching and leading at a tertiary level. The award certificate will be presented at this function.

For publicity purposes, information on the prize recipient, along with their photograph and an abstract from their application will be made publically available through the University of Sydney and University Co-Op publications, including websites.

Scope
All individual undergraduate and postgraduate coursework teachers and course co-ordinators, who have taught at the University of Sydney for at least one full semester, are eligible to apply. Group applications will not be considered.

Previous winners who received awards more than three years ago are eligible to apply. Previously unsuccessful applicants are also encouraged to apply.

Eligibility
The award is open to all teaching staff. Part-time staff (both casual and fractional) are eligible to apply as long as they have taught for at least one full semester.

Criteria
Applicants will be assessed on the basis of evidence that supports their claims against the following criterion:

The extent to which the teacher directly or indirectly enhances student learning through the innovative use of academic or support resources available at the University of Sydney. The innovation may be in the development or use of new technologies, or the innovative use of existing technologies (2 pages, Arial 11 point font)

In assessing nominations against the selection criterion, the Selection Committee will take into account:

• The degree of creativity, imagination or innovation;

• The extent to which evidence is provided of the demonstrated effectiveness of the innovation;

• The extent to which the claims for excellence are supported by formal evaluation and student feedback with a mix of quantitative and qualitative evidence.
**Guidelines**

- A maximum of 4 pages of supplementary material may be submitted with the application. Pages exceeding this number will be removed from the application and not reviewed by the Selection Committee.

**Submission**

Applications to be emailed to [sally.paynter@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sally.paynter@sydney.edu.au) by **Friday 12 September 2014**.

**Selection Committee**

The Committee will be chaired by the University of Sydney Co-Op Branch Manager or a nominee and comprise the following members:

1. Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education, or a nominee
2. Director of the Institute of Teaching and Learning, or a nominee.
3. SRC President or a nominee.