CRITERIA FOR TEACHING STATEMENTS & VITAS

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The following four criteria will be used to evaluate the submissions. Please note that the lists here provide *examples* of how you might talk about each of the criteria; there is not an expectation that each candidate will cover each sub-area in depth. Also, there is necessarily some overlap across criteria. For our Technology-Enhanced Teaching Award nominees, it is expected that evidence of your use of technology will be embedded within your discussions of these overall criteria.

Identity, Growth, and Reflective Practice as an Educator

- Offers evidence of growth, risk-taking, and/or development as educator, over time and/or in relation to a single course
- Shows self-awareness of his/her educational values, goals, strengths and weaknesses
- Seeks out and builds on new knowledge to support his/her teaching
- Seeks out and builds on feedback on his/her teaching, from colleagues and/or students
- Articulates a distinct, integrated educational identity, pathway, or plan

Support for Student Learning via Assignments, Activities, and Feedback

- Designs course materials to connect students with crucial aspects of a subject, field, and/or profession
- Links student learning to big-picture, real-world, and/or individually relevant situations
- Facilitates students' active learning, participation, excitement, and exploration, in and beyond the classroom, via a range of strategies and modalities
- Works to create inclusive, engaging, and flexible spaces for student learning, to reach a range of students
- Uses scaffolding, collaborative learning, guided inquiry, and/or project-based learning to move students into more complex understandings or achievements
- Provides a variety of systematic, ongoing feedback to students to support their confidence and growth as learners and their increasing competencies in the subject area

Identification and Measurement of Student Learning

- Demonstrates a broad view of student learning, including knowledge mastery, procedural competencies, creative capabilities, emotional engagement, and/or reflective understanding
- Defines a range of goals for learners within courses, including subject-matter goals, personal goals, and/or professional goals
- Is transparent in sharing goals, criteria, and assessment processes with students
- Employs a range of strategies to assess student learning, in-process and/or for final products
- Chooses and adapts assessment strategies to match specific activities, assignments, courses, goals, and/or student groups

Impact of Teaching In and Beyond the Classroom

- Elicits positive responses from students and/or from faculty peers
- Mentors graduate or undergraduate students, and/or mentors other faculty members
- Engages in curriculum design or revision, or participates in educational program leadership
- Designs, integrates, and/or supports extracurricular or off-campus learning experiences
- Shares educational knowledge and experiences with other instructors
- Engages in scholarship of teaching and learning