

2025 Ferritor Award Application is Now Open

The Office of the Provost and the U of A Teaching Academy are pleased to issue the call for proposals for the 2024 Daniel E. Ferritor Award for Departmental Excellence in Teaching. The award is named in honor of Daniel E. Ferritor, who served as chancellor of the U of A from 1986 to 1997 and as interim chancellor in 2015. He also founded the Teaching Academy in 1988.

The annual award honors the academic unit that best exemplifies a sustained, department-wide commitment to teaching excellence for all students. The winning department will receive \$10,000 and a trophy, as well as having the unit's name placed on a traveling university plaque housed in that department for one year.

Applications will be submitted in two phases.

The first phase should include five-page responses to criteria 1 and 2 and supporting documentation. The deadline for this submission is **October 30, 2024**. Applications can be uploaded using the online [form](#). Please upload materials in one pdf document.

The second phase should include five-page responses to criteria 3 and 4, supporting documentation, and a one-page executive summary. The deadline for this submission is January 30, 2025. The total submission page allotment is ten pages, excluding the executive summary, references, and the cover page.

Past winners of the Ferritor Departmental Award are Department of History (2017), Department of Industrial Engineering (2018), School of Social Work (2019), Eleanor Mann School of Nursing (2020), the Department of Sociology and Criminology (2021) the Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation (2022), and the School of Human Environmental Science (2023), Department of Curriculum and Instruction (2024).

Please Nominate an Outstanding Faculty Mentor

To assist the Office for Faculty Affairs with promoting excellence in mentoring and recognizing outstanding faculty mentors, we encourage non-tenure track, pre-tenure, and mid-career faculty members on our campus to consider acknowledging their faculty mentors. Outstanding mentors assist their mentees with building excellence in teaching, research, and/or service while encouraging a healthy balance of work and home life. They cultivate faculty career advancement and belonging.

Outstanding mentors assist mentees in building their professional networks, advocate for their mentees, and create avenues for mentee recognition. They demonstrate commitment to fostering mentees' professional development and promote mutually beneficial mentoring relationships. For more information on the nomination process or to nominate please visit our [website](#).

Fall 2024 Bridge Program Workshop Series Underway

The Bridge Program uses the best practice approach to provide an innovative and comprehensive teams-based method to faculty mentoring. The Bridge Program assists departmental leadership, mentors, and mentees with program implementation and the necessary resources to unburden program participants and ensure quality experiences. Mentees will be asked to participate in faculty development workshops. The sessions include,

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Introduction to Bridge Program: Mentoring Teams, Success Plan, and Mentoring Map

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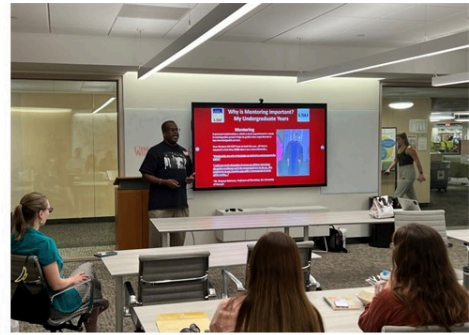
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