

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](#).

2024-2025 SEC Academic Leadership Development Program Fellows



Top Row - Kristin Higgins, Suzanne Kucharczyk

Bottom Row - Shauna Morimoto, Jeffrey Wolchok

Four U of A faculty members were named fellows of the 2024 Southeastern Conference Academic Leadership Development Program. The fellows are:

Kristin Higgins, head of the Department of Counseling, Leadership and Research Methods in the College of Education and Health Professions
Suzanne Kucharczyk, head of the Curriculum and Instruction Department in the College of Education and Health Professions
Shauna Morimoto, associate dean in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
Jeffrey Wolchok, head of the Department of Biomedical Engineering in the College of Engineering.

"I'd like to congratulate the 2024 SEC ALDP Fellows on this great honor and their achievements," said Provost Terry Martin. "Each of these fellows has shown exemplary leadership, teaching and service within their units, and this program will help them grow as leaders at the U of A and in the SEC and apply what they learn to the vital work they do every day."

The SEC ALDP identifies academic leaders and provides growth opportunities to advance their leadership skills and roles within their universities and the SEC. The SEC ALDP is composed of three components: a university-level development program designed by each institution for its fellows; two SEC-wide, three-day workshops held at specified SEC universities for all program participants; and a competitive alum fellowship, which offers former fellows additional development opportunities. One of the SEC ALDP workshops will be held at the U of A in February 2025.

Each SEC university selects up to four fellows to participate in the program each year.

Fall 2024 Mentoring Graduate Students Workshop Series Underway

This university-wide workshop series discusses best practices to inspire, direct and professionally develop your graduate mentees. This eight-session workshop series allows faculty to develop a mentoring philosophy, experiment with various methods of mentoring, and discuss mentoring challenges and successes with peers. The sessions offered include,

Who are you as a Mentor?
Graduate School Resources
Addressing Belonging and Engagement
Conflict and Mentoring
Understanding International Student Needs
Effective Communication and Setting Expectations
Promoting Self Efficacy and Independence
The Don'ts of Mentoring:
Legal and Ethical Considerations

The series will be offered again in the Spring 2025.



National Postdoc Appreciation Week

National Postdoc Appreciation Week is September 16-20, 2024! The Office for Faculty Affairs in partnership with the Division for Research & Innovation sponsored a Appreciation Meet & Greet on Monday September 16th from 2-4 pm in the Cordia Harrington Center for Excellence.

Please appreciate your Postdocs this week!



Congratulations to our New Department Chairs and Heads!



We would like to congratulate and acknowledge the recently appointed Department Heads and Chairs. We wish you much success in your new role!

Top row (left to right): Rachel Debuque - Art, Harry A. Patrinos - Education Reform, and Marilou Shreve - Interim Director of Nursing

Bottom row (left to right): Mary Savin - Horticulture, Steve Tung - Mechanical Engineering, and Steven Wheeler - Communication Disorders and Occupational Therapy



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UA ENGAGE -- Empower. Lead. Transform. Women in STEM at the U of A

The University of Arkansas is proud to be a NSF ADVANCE campus and Faculty Affairs plays a key role in the programming and initiation of UA ENGAGE activities. We are honored to recognize the excellent women researchers in our STEM and across all other academic units. For more information on UA ENGAGE, visit the [website](#).

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