

Thomas Jefferson Award ^[1]

Eligibility

Eligible nominees include full-time CU tenured, tenure track faculty, instructional, research, and clinical faculty, full-time CU students, and full-time CU staff. Self-nominations are not allowed, and previous winners are not eligible to be nominated.

Award Criteria

Nominations must demonstrate how the nominee's achievements reflect superior performance in their normal work or scholarship and notable participation in humanitarian activities. Ideal candidates advance the ideals of Thomas Jefferson, including:

- broad interests in literature, arts and sciences, and public affairs;
- a strong concern for the advancement of higher education;
- a deeply seated sense of individual civic responsibility; and
- a profound commitment to the welfare and rights of the individual.

Nomination Requirements

Any member of the university community may submit a nomination. The nomination packet is limited to 30 pages (not including résumé or cv) and must include:

- a cover letter that addresses the award criteria, especially the service performed outside of the normal course of the nominee's duties;
- at least three, but no more than five, supporting letters from multiple constituencies – e.g., colleagues; departmental, school/college, and campus leaders; and community leaders;
- the nominee's current curriculum vitae or résumé.

Selection Process

A system-wide advisory committee comprised of past award recipients from each campus will review the nominations and submit its recommendation to the President. Award notices will be sent by March 31st.

Award Amount

A one-time payment of \$2,000 and an engraved plaque for each recipient. A reception in honor of the recipients will take place after the award notification.

Nomination Submission

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Sub Title:

The Office of Academic Affairs administers the University of Colorado Thomas Jefferson Award, which is sponsored by an endowment provided by the McConnell Foundation and from a bequest by Harrison Blair, a University of Colorado alumnus. The award honors students, staff, and faculty members who advance the ideals of Thomas Jefferson. The award was first established at the University of Virginia in 1951 by the Robert Earl McConnell Foundation to honor teaching faculty who exemplified the humanistic ideals associated with the country's third president. By 1962, six other institutions had established a Jefferson Award, including the University of Colorado. In 1980, the University added a student category, and in 1988, the staff category was approved.

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