



MEMORANDUM

January 7, 2015

TO: Deans, Directors, Department Heads

FROM: Barbara Altmann, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

RE: **Distinguished Teaching Awards**
NOMINATIONS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

Once again, nominations are open for the university's highest awards for distinguished teaching – the **Ersted Award**, for faculty members who have held academic rank at the UO *at least two (2) full years*, and the **Thomas F. Herman Awards**, for faculty members who have held academic rank at the UO for *at least seven (7) years*. As you know, the Ersted Award recognizes faculty early in their teaching careers and the traditional Herman Faculty Achievement Award honors long-standing excellence in teaching.

For the second year, we are also soliciting nominations for the **Thomas F. Herman Awards for Excellence in Pedagogy**. Up to four awards will be made to senior faculty who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and expertise in a particular type of teaching. Examples include specialized teaching situations such as large classes, studios, or practica, and pedagogical advancements, including technologically-innovative teaching methodologies. The awards carry a one-time stipend of \$4,000.

Please visit <http://academicaffairs.uoregon.edu/teachingawards> for additional information and to submit nominations.

Like last year, we will be using a revised review process designed to minimize the burden on department heads. During the first round of review, departments will be asked to provide only CVs for nominated faculty. Additional materials will be requested during the second round for a smaller number of candidates.

I am asking for your assistance in encouraging recognition of our outstanding faculty, and I thank you for your cooperation in bringing these teaching awards to the attention of your faculty, staff, and students. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Keele in Academic Affairs (6-3028 or keeler@uoregon.edu).

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