



# GEORGE I. ALDEN EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD



**Nomination Form Deadline: November 20, 2017**

Each year the university recognizes current full-time WSU tenured or tenure-track professors who have consistently demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to teaching that is academically challenging and motivating. The Center for Teaching and Learning Alden Excellence in Teaching Award Selection Committee will be comprised of students and alumni.

**Nominators are to send the form and a letter of nomination to the address found on the form.** Forms are available on the WSU Homepage: [www.worcester.edu/alden](http://www.worcester.edu/alden), as well as the following locations:

- \*Each Academic Department (see each Dept. Secretary)
- \*Residential Life & Housing Office, Sheehan Hall, Suite 101
- \*Vice President for Student Affairs Office, Student Center, Room 325
- \*Student Activities Office & Information Desk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Student Center
- \*Academic Affairs Office, Administration Building, Room A-361
- \*University Advancement Office, Administration Building, Room A-231
- \*The Center for Teaching and Learning, Sullivan Building, Room 117



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Worcester State University began as a teachers' college and recognizes that teaching is still at the heart of what we do. Through the George I. Alden Excellence in Teaching Award, the University has a public way of acknowledging the role of good teachers in students' lives by honoring those who have most inspired them and contributed the most to their success through teaching excellence. Today, teaching remains the foundation upon which the integrity of our institution rests. The Center for Teaching and Learning has created the George I. Alden Excellence in Teaching Awards as a means to provide the University with the opportunity to publicly acknowledge professors who have made a difference in students' lives through their teaching excellence. Although two full-time tenured or tenure-track professors will be honored, the award is intended to honor *all* educators on our campus who are committed to teaching excellence.

All students, alumni, and faculty are eligible to nominate a full-time tenured or tenure-track professor. No self nominations will be accepted. Since this award is designed to honor professors whose teaching makes a difference in the lives of our students, we ask nominators to reflect on the aspects of teaching that comprise excellence through the criteria listed below. A committee comprised of students, alumni representatives, and faculty members will review and judge the nominees' materials. Two faculty members will be honored with this award. **Please attach a letter describing the following qualities on the professor:**

Name of Faculty Nominee:

Academic Department:

*Please elaborate on any of the following qualities of the professor you are nominating.*

- Use of effective instructional strategies
- Accommodation of multiple learning styles
- Fosters higher-order thinking among students (e.g., creating, analyzing, evaluating)
- Commitment to student success
- Commitment to continuously improving his/her classroom teaching
- Willingness to innovate or take pedagogical risks
- Participates in service activities related to the improvement of education at WSU

You may use the reverse side or attach additional sheets to this form. However all forms must be sent to the address below.

Your name:

Email:

Address:

Please check:            Current Student       Alumni       Class of       Faculty

**Please send form and letter to:** George I. Alden Excellence in Teaching Award Selection Committee,  
c/o The Office of Academic Affairs,  
486 Chandler Street,  
Worcester, MA 01602

Or email to:            [sfoo@worchester.edu](mailto:sfoo@worchester.edu)    Or  
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