

The Provost's N. Preston Davis Award for Instructional Innovation

Award Summary

This award recognizes technology-related instructional innovation or the significant encouragement of such innovation. It is named for N. Preston Davis, who retired in 1992 after serving the Colorado State University community for more than four decades. His many contributions focused on the creative use of technology to advance the teaching and learning goals of the institution.

Selection Process

The award is presented to up to two faculty members annually. A third award may be granted to a unit within the University for a submission that the committee deems exemplary. Awards are offered in two categories: (1) successful application of technology to enhance learning and teaching, and (2) successful application of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles* to make course materials and the learning environment accessible for all students. Work submitted for consideration in either category may be at any instructional level, including credit/non-credit and resident/off-campus instruction. Nominations should include the following:

Category 1: General Instructional Technology

Nominations for this category should include the following:

Section A:

- Description of the instructional innovation
- Explanation of the innovative nature and/or innovative implementation of educational technologies

Section B:

- Discussion of the enhanced effectiveness of teaching and learning from the innovative educational technologies
- Explanation of significant course and/or curriculum development
- Evidence of results (examples: evaluative instruments, peer evaluation, student feedback, empirical evidence of results)

Section C:

- Discussion of capacity to be replicated
- Explanation of dissemination of the technology-based innovation
- Evidence of stimulus to others to encourage technology-based instructional innovation
- Evidence of willingness to share ideas freely within the educational community

Category 2: Universal Design for Learning

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles describe a learning environment in which: 1) ideas and information are represented in multiple ways, 2) students express their comprehension and mastery of subject matter in multiple ways, and 3) students receive multiple opportunities for engagement. As they relate to instructional technologies, UDL principles guide the creation of course materials that are accessible and usable by a wide range of students, including those with disabilities using assistive technologies. See the ACCESS Project website (<http://accessproject.colostate.edu/udl/award>) for more information. Nominations for this category should include the following:

Section A:

- Description of how UDL principles have been implemented to achieve the desired learning and accessibility outcomes
- Explanation of the enhanced accessibility and usability of the learning environment and/or materials of instruction

Section B:

- Discussion of the enhanced effectiveness of teaching and learning from the innovative educational technologies
- Explanation of significant course and/or curriculum development
- Evidence of results (examples: evaluative instruments, peer evaluation, student feedback, empirical evidence of results)

Section C:

- Discussion of capacity to be replicated
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Nomination Process

Nominations may be submitted by any member of the faculty or staff. The nomination is limited to three single-spaced pages, using 11 point font, no more than two one-page letters of support, and examples of ancillary materials. Note that any information beyond this will not be shared with the selection committee. Please include the attached cover sheet with the submission.

An electronic copy of the complete nomination packet should be sent to Barb.Houser@colostate.edu no later than 4 p.m. on February 1. The subject line should read "Davis Award – *nominee's name*". No hard copies or late submissions will be accepted.

Award Presentation

The individual award consists of a plaque and a cash award; the unit award consists of a plaque for the unit. It will be presented during the Celebrate Colorado State activities.

**The Provost's N. Preston Davis Award
For Instructional Innovation
Nomination Form**

Nominator:

Nominee:

Department/Unit:

Department/Unit:

Address:

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Phone:

Abstract (75 – 100 words) of the technology-based instructional innovation or significant encouragement thereof:

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