

Joseph R. DeMartini Excellence in Teaching Award

Award: \$1,000 cash award.

Purpose: To recognize, honor and promote examples of high quality graduate student teaching.

Eligibility: All graduate students in the Department of Sociology who have taught independently at WSU for at least one semester are eligible for this award.

Application: Applicants must submit a complete teaching portfolio accompanied by a letter of nomination from the applicant (self-nominee) or faculty member.

Criteria: An applicant's teaching portfolio should include:

- Course syllabi, lecture outlines, overheads, handouts, workbooks, class exercises, and any other classroom related material. Statement of teaching philosophy.
- Letters and comments from former students.
- Teaching evaluations from students (to be supplied by the department).
- Papers presented at professional meetings or published papers related to teaching.

Nominees will be observed in the classroom by faculty members of the Award and Social Recognition Committee. If the nominee is not teaching during the semester, arrangements must be made to guest lecture when committee members are able to observe.

Selection Procedures: The Award's Committee will review all submitted portfolios. Selection criteria include the quality and effectiveness of classroom teaching, completeness of teaching portfolio, the diversity of courses taught and sample assignments/activities, and the congruity of course design and student learning objectives. Faculty will conduct classroom observations at their discretion.