

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Breakiron-Evans/Brockway Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence Awards

Q: How many Breakiron-Evans/Brockway Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence Awards will be granted during the 2023-2024 academic term?

A: Three awards will be given during the fall 2023 semester and three awards given during the spring 2024 semester.

Q: When will Breakiron-Evans/Brockway Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence Award recipients be announced?

A: Awardees will be announced on Monday, October 2, 2023, pending approval by the provost.

Q: Who is eligible to apply for the Breakiron-Evans/Brockway Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence Award?

A: Pre-tenure faculty members in their second, third or fourth year, at time of application, can apply. Faculty with credit toward tenure must have a least one year remaining before tenure portfolio submission.

Q: Can I nominate myself for a Breakiron-Evans/Brockway Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence Award?

A: Yes. Eligible faculty can be nominated by a faculty member, department chair, dean, or they may self-nominate.

Q: Can I still apply if I missed the submit intent to nominate/self-nominate to the department chair deadline on September 5, 2023?

A: Yes. The intent to nominate/self-nominate is required to facilitate an initial conversation between the faculty applicant and department chair regarding the feasibility of course reallocation, if applicable. While the conversation between the faculty applicant and department chair is strongly recommended by September 5, 2023, the conversation can occur later. The faculty candidate must speak with the appropriate department chair before submitting the online application.

Q: I do not believe my department can logistically support a course release. Can I still apply for a Breakiron-Evans/Brockway Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence Award?

A: Yes. However, proposal applications that propose a course release will be prioritized.

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Q: Can the work proposed in the application support the development and advancement of teaching activities?

A: Yes, award funding may support teaching/librarianship or research/scholarship/creative endeavors. Examples include:

Teaching/Librarianship

- Conceiving of a high-impact experiential practice, such as a semester-long simulation, semester-long information literacy/FSEM collaborative, or a new studio or laboratory experience
- Rethinking the entire sequence of core courses for the department/major/program
- Organizing a pedagogical conference at the DeLand campus
- Purchasing material related to course design and course execution (possibly through grant application)

Scholarship

- Launching a peer-reviewed publication (e.g., journal) housed at
- Producing scholarly materials intended for submission in top-tier peer reviewed venues (e.g., high impact factor, h-index, flagship)
- Organizing an academic conference with proceeding publication
- Engaging in high-profile public scholarship and presentation
- Organizing or curating an art exhibition

Q: Are letters of support required in the Breakiron-Evans/Brockway Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence Award application packet?

A: Yes, two evaluative letters must be submitted directly to Associate.Provost@stetson.edu. One letter must be from the nominee's department chair. The letter from the department chair should evaluate past work and future work described in the proposal application, and it also should indicate whether or not a course release could be logistically supported if one is proposed. The second letter writer, designated by the applicant, should evaluate past work and future work proposed in the application.

Q: If my fall 2023 Breakiron-Evans/Brockway Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence Award application is denied, can I reapply for the spring 2024 call for applications?

A: Yes, unsuccessful applicants can apply for the spring 2024 cycle.

Q: If I receive a Breakiron-Evans/Brockway Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence Award, can I defer my course release to the next academic year?

A: Under extenuating circumstances an awardee may defer the course release to the next available semester.