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To: UMBC Campus Community

From: Ana Oskoz 
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Re: Call for Nominations for the 2027 Board of Regents Faculty Awards

Since 1998, the Board of Regents has presented the Regents Faculty Awards to recognize distinguished performance by faculty members. These awards represent the highest honor bestowed by the Regents upon exemplars of faculty achievement. UMBC faculty members are highly qualified for these prestigious awards and I strongly encourage you to submit nominations this year.

The Honors and Awards Committee of the Faculty Senate will prepare nominations of UMBC faculty for the Regents Faculty Awards Committee (RFAC). Awards will be bestowed in spring 2027, in the categories of Teaching, Scholarship or Research, Creative Activity, Public Service, and Mentoring. A maximum of one award in each of these categories can be designated a collaboration and may be awarded to a team consisting of faculty members from at least two University System of Maryland institutions. Nominees shall have initiated the project and participated in all phases of the project.

The Board of Regents have established a two-stage nomination process. The Honors and Awards Committee of the Faculty Senate will review the nominations in stage one and will select the nominees to be forwarded to the Regents' Faculty Awards Committee. **For stage one**, nominees should submit a packet of **no more than five pages**, including a) a summary resume, b) a one-page essay by the nominee describing their contribution to excellence, c) a letter of recommendation from the department chair or dean, and d) brief documentation of exemplary achievement.

The packet should be uploaded **into Box** at <https://umbc.app.box.com/f/085982f5b7a645869030827f6e337624>, no later than **Monday, September 28, 2026**. Finalists will be selected by the Honors and Awards Committee by **Monday, October 12, 2026**. The Honors and Awards Committee will work with each selected finalist to prepare the full nomination portfolio for submission to the RFAC.

For detailed information concerning the Regents Faculty Awards, the nomination process and criteria for the different award categories, see <https://www.usmd.edu/usm/academicaffairs/regents-faculty-awards>. Please note that the Regents Faculty Awards are given for accomplishments within the last three years (**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026**); nominations and recommendations should focus on that time frame. The nomination packet for a Mentoring award may include more than three years of mentoring.

Please direct any questions to Brynn Krasney at bkrasney@umbc.edu.