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TO: Deans, Department Chairs and Directors of Undergraduate Study

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SUBJECT: Call for Nominations: The President Emeritus and Mrs. Meyerson Award for Distinguished Teaching and Mentoring (the Meyerson Award)

The dean of undergraduate education invites nominations for the 2019-20 Meyerson Award. Award winners will have exhibited the truly outstanding and sustained guidance and support needed to help undergraduate students develop the skills necessary for research, creativity, critical thinking and innovation.

The Meyerson nomination process has been updated this year to make the process consistent with that of other university mentoring awards. Additionally, only tenure track faculty are eligible for consideration.

Attached please find the nomination guidelines. Nominations are due on **Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019** and should be submitted electronically at <https://universityatbuffalo-wgtck.formstack.com/forms/meyerson>.

Please share this information as you deem appropriate.

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Nomination Guidelines for the President Emeritus and Mrs. Meyerson Award for Distinguished Teaching and Mentoring (the Meyerson Award)

The President Emeritus and Mrs. Meyerson Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Mentoring (the Meyerson Award) was established through a generous gift by the late UB President Emeritus Martin Meyerson and his wife, Margy Ellen, to recognize exceptional teaching and mentoring at the university. It is the highest university award given specifically for undergraduate mentoring.

Faculty members who dedicate themselves to teaching and mentoring are foundational to the University at Buffalo, and its academic mission. They provide the guidance and support needed to help undergraduate students develop the skills necessary for research, creativity, critical thinking and innovation. This award sets the bar for faculty excellence in helping our undergraduates reach their full potential as young scholars, and when launching their future careers. Mentors are also leaders within their own departments who engage other faculty and students in meaningful collaboration and initiatives.

Only tenure track faculty are eligible to be nominated.

All nomination materials must be submitted electronically at <https://universityatbuffalo-wgtck.formstack.com/forms/meyerson> by **Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019**. Please have collected all supporting documentation prior to completing the online form.

Nominations should include:

1. A substantial letter of nomination from the department chair or academic dean that clearly describes the basis for the nomination.
2. Two letters of support from other faculty who can speak first-hand to the mentoring performance of the nominee.
3. At least five (and up to ten) descriptive letters of support from former undergraduate students who have direct knowledge of the nominee's mentoring quality and impact.
4. The nominee's CV.

Supporting letters and evaluative statements should not be mere testimonials; they should provide specific examples of the nominee's mentoring and impact/outcomes. A personal statement from the nominee is neither needed nor encouraged.

The award winner will be chosen by a selection committee comprised of past Meyerson Award winners and undergraduate student representatives.

Please contact Megan Stewart, assistant director in the Office of Fellowships and Scholarships, at fellowships@buffalo.edu with any questions.