

2025 CASE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

To nominate a student, faculty member, staff member or department, click the link below and fill in all required information.

[CASE Excellence Awards Nomination Form \(download here\)](#)



College of ARTS, SCIENCES,
and ENGINEERING

University of NORTH ALABAMA

The nominator will submit all required materials: Each submission requires (1) a letter of support, (2) a copy of the nominee's CV/Resume, and (3) the completed nomination form. The nominee's chairperson, program director, or supervisor should also review and approve the form prior to its submission.

The committee will accept Self-nominations or Nominations by a faculty member, staff member, UNA student, or RSO. Prior CASE Award Winners are encouraged to wait three years before applying for new awards.

DEADLINE: Nominations are due Friday, February 28– 5:00pm. Please include emails of all nominees, your email, and a letter of support in the appropriate form fields. Failure to submit the nominee's email address and/or letter of support will result in disqualification.

All submission forms and supporting materials can be emailed to: caseawards@una.edu.

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Student Award

Outstanding Senior Award

Eligibility: Undergraduate student seniors

Up to one award each will be given for STEM, Humanities, Performing and Fine Arts, and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The award is based on student accomplishments and is not limited solely to GPA. In the letter of support, the nominator should address the nominee's accomplishments in the areas of academics, research and/or creative activity, service, and leadership.

The committee encourages the nomination of a wide range of nominees particularly those who embody, demonstrate, and affirm the values of excellence, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Each award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Student Award

Outstanding Undergraduate Research/Scholarship/Creative Activity Award

Eligibility: Undergraduate students

Up to one award each will be given for STEM, Humanities, Performing and Fine Arts, and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The award is based on student accomplishments in research, scholarship, or creative activity. In the letter of support, the nominator should document the nominee's relative accomplishments and provide context for the level of the accomplishments.

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Each award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Student Award

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Eligibility: Graduate students

The committee will select one awardee based on their research and/or creative activity, academic performance, service, and leadership while working towards a Master's degree.

In the letter of support, the nominator should document the nominee's relative accomplishments and provide context for the level of the accomplishments.

The committee encourages the nomination of a wide range of nominees particularly those who embody, demonstrate, and affirm the values of excellence, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Faculty Award

Outstanding Early Career Teaching Award

Eligibility: Tenure-track faculty who have not yet submitted their tenure application, but have been at UNA for at least 12 months.

One awardee will be selected from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering for outstanding performance in teaching.

In the letter of support, nominators should document the nominee's relative accomplishments as a teacher with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

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The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Faculty Award

Outstanding Early Career Research/Scholarship/Creative Activity Award

Eligibility: Tenure-track faculty who have not yet submitted their tenure application, but have been at UNA for at least 12 months.

One awardee will be selected from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering for outstanding research, scholarship, or creative activity.

In the letter of support, nominators should document the nominee's relevant accomplishments in their field with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

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The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Faculty Award

Annual Outstanding Faculty Award

Eligibility: Tenured faculty

One awardee will be selected from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering based on outstanding performance in teaching, research and/or creative activity, and service.

In the letter of support, nominators should document relative accomplishments of the nominee with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

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Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Faculty Award

Outstanding Senior Faculty Award

Eligibility: Tenured faculty at the rank of full professor

One awardee will be selected from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering based on outstanding performance in teaching, research and/or creative activity, and service.

In the letter of support, nominators should document relative accomplishments of the nominee with a focus on the previous five academic years. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

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The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Faculty Award

Outstanding Innovations in Teaching Award

Eligibility: Any full-time tenured, tenure-track, senior lecturer, or lecturer faculty

One awardee will be selected from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering based on outstanding innovation in teaching. The committee will place a particular emphasis on the innovative use of technology in the classroom.

In the letter of support, nominators should document the nominee's relative accomplishments with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

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The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Faculty Award

Outstanding Faculty Lecturer Award

Eligibility: Faculty with a Lecturer or Senior Lecturer rank

One awardee will be selected from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering based on outstanding teaching.

In the letter of support, nominators should document the nominee's relative accomplishments with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

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Each award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Faculty Award

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award

Eligibility: Adjunct faculty

One awardee will be selected from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering based on outstanding teaching.

In the letter of support, nominators should document the nominee's relative accomplishments with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

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Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Staff Award

Outstanding Staff Award

Eligibility: CASE staff

Awarded to a staff member in the College that has gone above and beyond their job requirements during the past year.

In the letter of support, nominators should submit materials that cite specific examples of the nominee's excellence that could include service, initiative, leadership and contributions to faculty and student success with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

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Each award recipient will receive a professional development experience opportunity.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form, a letter of support, and a copy of the nominee's CV/resume.

Department or Individual Award

Student Experience Award

Eligibility: Any CASE department or individual (CASE faculty or staff)

Recognition for the department/individual excelling in support of student success, experiential group learning, collaboration, research and/or creative activity, advising, student participation in internships or other summer programs, student-centered department culture, etc.

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In the letter of support, nominators should document the department/individual's relative accomplishments with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form and a letter of support detailing the department/individual's accomplishments regarding student experience.

Department or Individual Award

Community Involvement and Outreach Award

Eligibility: Any CASE department or individual (CASE faculty or staff)

Recognition for the department/individual excelling in service and outreach activities in the community.

In the letter of support, nominators should document the department/individual's relative accomplishments with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

The committee encourages the nomination of a wide range of nominees particularly those who embody, demonstrate, and affirm the values of excellence, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form and a letter of support detailing the department/individual's accomplishments regarding community involvement and outreach.

Department or Individual Award

Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Award

Eligibility: Any CASE department or individual (CASE faculty or staff)

Recognition for the department/individual that best promotes cultural diversity and inclusion, including, but not limited to: international outreach, cultural diversity within faculty or student groups, including studies of other cultures into curriculum, study abroad opportunities, etc.

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In the letter of support, nominators should document the department/individual's relative accomplishments with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

Required Materials: a completed nomination form and a letter of support detailing the department/individual's accomplishments regarding cultural diversity and inclusion.
