

GUIDELINE OVERVIEW

FACULTY AWARDS AND HONORS

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

This overview includes information about the Emeritus/Emerita Designation, E. Riley Holman Memorial Faculty Award, Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, Distinguished Sponsored Research Award, Trustees' Achievement Award, and Campus Diversity Award.

Candidates may be nominated for only one award each academic year. Previous nominees are eligible for renomination for the Distinguished Research Award (at least three years after receiving one), Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award and Campus Diversity Award.

Nominators should describe their relationship to the applicant and the evaluative criteria of the letter writer.

Application forms and guidelines for each award are available on the provost's website at [Faculty Awards for Academic Affairs - WCU of PA](#). Please submit all applications with checklist as a pdf to Ms. Megan Fahey mfahey@wcupa.edu. Applications are considered complete when they include all materials on the checklist. When submitting the application please include all information in **one single file**.

Emeritus/Emerita Designation

Emeritus/Emerita status is conferred on retiring or retired members of faculty whose contribution to the university has been exemplary.

Nomination process:	Formal nomination by a member of the academic community
Application deadline:	February 13, 2026
Presentation:	November – Faculty Service, Retirement & Awards Luncheon
Award:	Certificate, listing in university catalogs, and other rights and privileges associated with the University

Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award

The Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award is presented to a faculty member for demonstrated excellence in teaching, the development of a course(s) based upon innovative concepts, or the development of an innovative method of teaching.

Nomination process:	Formal nomination by a member of the academic community (no student or self-nomination)
Application deadline:	February 13, 2026
Award presentation:	November – Faculty Service, Retirement & ARC Awards Luncheon
Award:	Certificate; \$4,000 award to support teaching and scholar activities

E. Riley Holman Memorial Faculty Award

The E. Riley Holman Memorial Faculty Award honors a faculty member who demonstrates innovative teaching techniques that foster student creativity.

Nomination process:	Nominations may be made by individuals, groups, or departments of the university community (self-nominations accepted).
Application deadline:	February 13, 2026
Presentation:	November – Faculty Service, Retirement & ARC Awards Luncheon
Award:	Certificate, listing in the university catalogs, \$3,000 to be used to pursue research or professional development.

Distinguished Research Award

The Distinguished Research Award is presented to full-time faculty members for their outstanding achievements in creative, research or scholarly activities, either for a specific project or a body of work accumulated over multiple years. An individual or a group of faculty members working on the same project may be nominated.

Nomination process:	Formal nomination by a member of the academic community (no student or self-nomination)
Application deadline:	February 13, 2026
Award presented:	November – Faculty Service, Retirement & ARD Awards Luncheon
Award:	Certificate, \$2,000 award

Trustees' Achievement Award

The Trustees' Achievement Award recognizes distinguished scholarly and creative work by a current West Chester University faculty member: specific, original contributions to a discipline (as in a research study, monograph, scholarly paper, literary work, musical composition, or work of art), or a significant collective body of work. Emphasis is on the national and international contribution of the scholarly work. Applications are to be evaluated by a panel of independent evaluators in the candidate's field. Criteria include significance, quality, and originality of work within the discipline.

Nomination process:	Formal nomination by a member of the academic community (no student or self-nomination)
Application deadline:	February 13, 2026
Award presented:	November – Faculty Service, Retirement & ARC Awards Luncheon
Award:	Certificate, ¼ alternate workload assignment for one full academic year, \$1,000 award to support scholarly activities

Campus Diversity Award

The West Chester University Campus Diversity Award honors adjunct or full-time faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to the spirit of diversity on the West Chester University campus.

Nomination process: Nomination letters, description of contributions. Curriculum vitae

Application deadline: February 13, 2026

Award presented: November – Faculty Service, Retirement & ARC Awards Luncheon

Award: Fee reimbursement up to \$2,000 for participation in diversity-related conference