

Farmingdale State College

State University of New York

2025-2026 The Faculty Center Online Course of Distinction Award Guidelines

Description: The Faculty Center will present annually the Online Course of Distinction Award. This award will honor faculty who are improving the quality of education at Farmingdale State College through innovation in online teaching formats. The winner will receive a \$1,000 prize to be funded by the Farmingdale College Foundation.

Criteria:

- Full-time FSC faculty (an individual or a team of faculty) may be nominated; self-nomination is allowed.
- The innovation must involve one fully asynchronous online course that was newly converted to online or recently redeveloped to align with current best practices. The innovation must have been implemented during the last three years (Fall 2022 through Fall 2025).
- The innovation in teaching and learning does not have to be unique or a new pedagogical concept, but should show evidence of best practices in online learning design, a commitment to student learning, and accessibility.
- The innovation may be related to enhancing online instructor presence, applying new technologies to enhance online engagement, excellence in online course design and overall course layout, innovative online course content and course activities, or innovative approaches to online assessment.
- Winners of the same award in the previous 5 years are not eligible

Nominating Procedure:

- A nomination requires submission of the Online Course of Distinction Award Nomination Form.
- A letter of support from a faculty colleague, department chair, or dean is required.
- A description of the course design, including the student engagement strategies it addresses, applications of student-instructor, student-student, and student-content interaction, the student learning outcomes is required.
- A description of how student learning has been assessed (i.e., documentation of how the objectives were met; the extent to which learning outcomes were achieved; the benefits derived from the innovation; and how they were measured) is required.
- Additional letters of support and additional documentation may be included.

- Signature granting permission to review your online class. Information must be included on which specific class (CRN number), and what semester it was taught. The committee will use the Open SUNY Course Quality Review (OSCQR) Rubric as a guideline when evaluating your submission.

Nomination Form, nominating letter, description of the innovation, description of the assessment of the innovation, and additional documentation should not exceed 10 pages.

Nomination Deadline: 5:00 PM on Friday, December 19, 2025.

Submit to: [Qualtrics](#)

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