



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the University Community
From: Gwen Cash-James, Associate Vice Provost, Academic Affairs
Date: March 10, 2026
Re: 2026 Trustees' Medal Award

The Medals and Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the **2026 Trustees' Medal**. The Trustees' Medal, the university's highest form of recognition for faculty achievement, consists of a **silver medallion and \$1,500**. The award will be presented during commencement on June 12 and 13, 2026. The **deadline** for nominations is **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**.

These are the recipients of the award for the past six years:

2025 Dr. Melissa Graham	2022 Dr. Camille McNeely
2024 Dr. Stuart Steiner	2021 Dr. Kerry Brooks
2023 Ms. Margo Hill, JD	2022 Dr. Jeffrey Stafford and Dr. Elizabeth Tipton

The Trustees' Medal is given to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Eastern Washington University faculty in one or more of the following areas:

- Teaching excellence
- Significant contributions to their profession in the areas of research and scholarship or creative work
- Substantial contributions to the development of academic learning processes, programs and curriculum, especially those directly related to the EWU mission or major institutional initiatives

Nomination

- A nomination is the only requirement.
- Support for the nomination is encouraged but is optional.
- Support may be submitted separately by individuals OR by the nominator (or the nominator's designee).
- No limit on the number or length of support documents.
 - Support may be a paragraph or several pages.
- The nominator is notified whenever support is submitted.

Previous nominations are kept on file and considered for three years. For previous submissions, nominators are encouraged to send a new letter of nomination. Updated supporting information is also encouraged.

On behalf of the members of the committee, I urge you to give careful consideration to this request for nominations.

Dr. Gwen Cash-James, Convener, University Medals & Awards Committee

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TRUSTEES' MEDAL AWARD 2026
FACULTY NOMINATION

The Trustees' Medal Award is given to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of current faculty of Eastern Washington University in their profession and academic contribution to the university in one or more of the following areas:

- Teaching excellence
- Significant contributions to their profession in the areas of research and scholarship or creative work
- Substantial contributions to the development of academic learning processes, programs and curriculum, especially those directly related to the EWU mission or major institutional initiatives

Submit nomination and support [here](#).

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NOMINATION MATERIALS	
Required	Suggested support (optional)
Nomination	Dean of nominee
	Chair of nominee
	Student
	Faculty (internal to dept.)
	Faculty (external to dept.)
	Staff
	Other
	Curriculum vitae of nominee
	Student evaluations
	Evaluations of publications (indicate if review/not reviewed, local/national/international)

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