

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## 2026 JAMES A. KEITH EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

### ABOUT THE AWARD

The James A. Keith Excellence in Teaching Award, established in memory of the late professor and associate dean of the Arnold School of Public Health, is designed to recognize excellence in teaching at the school. The Keith Teaching Award includes a \$1,000 honorarium and a commemorative plaque, is presented annually at the Arnold School of Public Health State of the College in the fall.

### ELIGIBILITY

All full-time faculty members who have been at the Arnold School of Public Health for at least three years are eligible for the award. However, previous award winners must wait a minimum of five years before being considered again.

### WHO CAN NOMINATE?

Nominations may be made by students, faculty, alumni, and administrators in the Arnold School of Public Health.

*Note: Self-nomination and self-solicitation of nomination are prohibited. Selection committee members may not nominate faculty members for this award.*

### PROCEDURE TO NOMINATE A FACULTY MEMBER

To nominate a faculty member, complete a nomination form and submit to the Arnold

School of Public Health Office of Research. Each nominee may be asked to provide appropriate documentation, so a justification of the nominee's contribution is optional. The nomination form is on the back of this flyer or can be downloaded from <2026KeithTeachingAward.pdf>. The completed nomination form should be submitted to [AWARDSPH@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:AWARDSPH@mailbox.sc.edu).

### SELECTION PROCESS

The Keith Teaching Award selection committee will select recipients of the award using the following criteria:

- Record of sustained excellence in classroom teaching and informal mentorship of students,
- Demonstration of exemplary knowledge of subject matter,
- Skill in facilitation of learning, and
- Ability to inspire and motivate the learner.

*Note: The selection committee reserves the right not to make an award.*

The Arnold School Office of Faculty Affairs and Curriculum will provide teaching information from the most recent one or two annual review documents and will request each department chair (or program director if applicable) to endorse each nominee, providing a rank order if there are multiple

TUESDAY

**MARCH  
31  
2026**

### Nomination Deadline

If you have questions concerning eligibility, procedures, or criteria for selection, please contact

Rachel Cooper at  
803-576-7795 or  
[AWARDSPH@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:AWARDSPH@mailbox.sc.edu)

nominations from one unit. Using the nomination letters, annual review, and chair's endorsement, the Selection Committee will screen the nominations and select up to five for whom additional information will be collected, including a statement of teaching philosophy and letters of recommendation.

### SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Award selection will be made by a committee comprised of previous James A. Keith Excellence in Teaching award recipients from within the Arnold School of Public Health.



## PAST RECIPIENTS

|      |                    |      |                   |      |                                   |
|------|--------------------|------|-------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1991 | Francisco S. Sy    | 2003 | J. Larry Durstine | 2015 | Heather Brandt                    |
| 1992 | James R. Hussey    | 2004 | Janice C. Probst  | 2015 | Raja Fayad ( <i>In Memoriam</i> ) |
| 1993 | Suzan D. Boyd      | 2005 | Alexandra Evans   | 2016 | Susan Steck                       |
| 1994 | Ann L. Coker       | 2006 | Sara Corwin       | 2017 | Angela McLeod                     |
| 1995 | Donna L. Richter   | 2007 | Angela Liese      | 2018 | April Winningham                  |
| 1996 | Robert E. McKeown  | 2008 | Jim Hussey        | 2019 | Lee Pearson                       |
| 1997 | Ruth P. Saunders   | 2009 | Lisa Lindley      | 2020 | Myriam Torres                     |
| 1998 | C. Marjorie Aelion | 2010 | Kara Montgomery   | 2021 | Raymond Thompson                  |
| 1999 | Henry N. McKellar  | 2011 | Daniela Friedman  | 2022 | Rachel Davis                      |
| 2000 | Roger G. Sargent   | 2012 | Stacy Fritz       | 2023 | Courtney Monroe                   |
| 2001 | Gregory A. Hand    | 2013 | Charles Adams     | 2024 | Sheri Silfies                     |
| 2002 | Robert F. Valois   | 2014 | Hiram McDade      | 2025 | Alexander C McLain                |

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## NOMINATION FORM

### JAMES A. KEITH EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

**DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026**

Faculty nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Give a brief summary of the nominee's contributions and qualifications. Attach additional pages if necessary.

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Submit completed nomination forms to **AWARDSPH@mailbox.sc.edu**

Nominations will be accepted through **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**.