

Nomination Guidelines

Louis and Dorina Brutocao Award for Teaching Excellence

Only students and alumni/alumnae may nominate a faculty member for the Brutocao Award for Teaching Excellence. The deadline for nominations for the 2025 Awards is **Friday, April 11, 2025**.

All nominations must be completed through the [Teaching Excellence Nomination Form](#), which asks you to address the following questions:

1. Describe how the faculty member promotes intellectual curiosity, rigor, and a zest for learning. How has the faculty member developed clear connections between the course material and life outside the classroom?
2. How does the faculty lead by example to promote high standards, honesty, and active learning?
3. In what way has the faculty member been available to students and fostered the student-teacher relationship?
4. How does the faculty member support SCU's values, goals, and tradition of creating an academic community that is inclusive, equitable, and rooted in the Jesuit tradition of educating the whole person?

Once nominated, a faculty member stays in the pool of candidates under active consideration for two years.

Selection Considerations

- Candidate's teaching promotes intellectual curiosity and active learning.
- Candidate models and fosters intellectual rigor and honesty and a zest for learning.
- Candidate develops connections between the course material and life outside the classroom.
- Candidate is available to students, attentive to their needs, and enjoys the teacher-student relationship.
- The candidate supports Santa Clara University's values, goals and tradition.
- Candidates must have 10 years or more at Santa Clara University of substantial teaching at the undergraduate level and have not previously won this award.

NOTE: The [Teaching Excellence](#) award is a student-nominated award that is the corollary to the [Curriculum Innovation](#) award, which is faculty-nominated. Nominees for the Teaching Excellence award are encouraged to self-nominate for the Teaching Innovation awards as well.