Donald B. Egolf Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

The Donald Egolf Memorial Teaching Award is now accepting nominations and materials. Honoring a long time Communication faculty member, the award recognizes a graduate student in the Department of Communication who demonstrates accomplishment in pedagogy and undergraduate instruction. Recipients of the Egolf Award exhibit a marked commitment to diversity in teaching and learning, excellence in course design and instruction, and development in undergraduate teaching. In addition to recognition at the Graduate and Debate Award Ceremony, the Egolf Award includes a $400 prize.

To be eligible, a nominee must have completed two terms of teaching at Pitt: as instructor of record for stand-alone courses or recitation leader for an intro class. At least TWO letters of nomination are required. One MUST be from a former undergraduate student; the other may be from a faculty member or graduate student peer in the Department of Communication. Self-nominations will not be considered. Nomination letters and additional supporting materials (detailed below) should be sent directly to Lauri Freund at llk1@pitt.edu with “Egolf Award Nomination” in the subject heading.

Due Date: March 19th 2021

Materials Required

• At least two external nomination letters:
  o One must be from a former undergraduate student.
  o One must be from a faculty member or graduate student peer in the Department of Communication

• A cover letter summarizing:
  o Your commitment to diversity in teaching and learning
  o Your approach to course design and instruction
  o Your participation in pedagogical development and/or contribution to the development of others

• A statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion in course design and classroom practice

• A teaching portfolio comprising:
  o Statement of teaching philosophy
  o Course materials: syllabus, sample assignment and assessment criteria (from same course)
  o Course evaluations (two terms worth, one class per term)
  o Teaching observation conducted by a faculty member or graduate student peer in the Department of Communication
  o Curriculum vitae

Nominees’ materials will be assessed by a committee comprising 3 faculty members. A graduate student may be nominated multiple times but may only win the award once. The $400 prize will be processed through student accounts and the recipient will be recognized at the Graduate and Debate Award Ceremony.