

My Thoughts on Award Nominations

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Why Nominate for Awards?

- > Good for the department
- > Good for the College
- > Good for morale
- > Helps with faculty retention

But Nominations Take Lots of Time and They Won't Win!

- > Look for good fits
- > Find undertapped or misunderstood awards
- > Avoid nominations that are crazy-competitive, e.g. Waterman Prize 😊

My Strategy

- > **Be persistent – sometimes the third time is a charm**
- > **PUT THE CANDIDATE TO WORK!!**
 - Take a 20-30 minute first pass at a nomination statement
 - Then hand it off to the candidate
 - He/she knows his/her qualifications better than anyone else

More of My Strategy

- > **Recycle award nominations**
 - Other award nominations
 - Letters from tenure cases
 - For students, grad school recommendation letters

Don't be Shy!

- > If you think you're a good fit for an award, ask someone to nominate you**
- > Be sure to help with the nomination**
- > Be sure to return the favor**

If Your Candidate Wins

- > **Get the award publicized (College/UW web pages, College Comm folks, your chair, etc.)**
- > **If someone suggests you nominate this person for another award, share your materials because you are done**

If You Win

- > Send a nice thank-you note to your letter writers
- > And don't forget to thank your nominator!

