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!