Call for Nominations
2018 Gary Brown ePortfolio Faculty Award

Background

The ePortfolio Faculty Award is named in honor of Dr. Gary Brown, a national leader in innovative teaching and the use of ePortfolios as a tool for student learning. Dr. Brown led the evaluation of Auburn's ePortfolio Project during the 2013 SACSCOC reaffirmation on-site visit and exhibited the spirit of collaboration, collegiality, and support for student learning that Auburn's ePortfolio Project aims to recognize and applaud. The award is meant to recognize prior work and support ongoing faculty efforts to implement ePortfolios in their program, department, or college. Both individual and team nominations are welcome. Winners are selected based on the evidence they include in an ePortfolio.

Eligibility

We invite individual and team nominations (including self-nominations) of faculty or administrative professionals of any rank from programs that are members of the ePortfolio Cohort. Nominations might include those who have spearheaded the integration of ePortfolios across an entire program; worked to develop assignments, map curriculum, design assessment practices; planned and delivered faculty development activities for their program or college; or undertaken research related to ePortfolios.

Submission Information

Nominees should assemble an ePortfolio (which need not be made public) that includes two letters of support and other appropriate artifacts and reflective contextualization that makes the case for selection. Refer to the Submission Requirements section on the next page for an overview of what the ePortfolio should accomplish.

Award and Expectations

Winners will be announced at the ePortfolio Project Awards Luncheon on May 1, 2018. Nominees not selected will be automatically considered in subsequent years, though the submitted ePortfolio may be updated. The winning individual and/or team will receive a one-time cash award of $5,000 per person, minus applicable federal and state taxes only. Award winners will be expected to share their work with ePortfolios at Auburn University events such as the annual Conversations in Celebration of Teaching or Research Week, or at regional and national conferences as appropriate.
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All Nominees

Submit an ePortfolio that meets the criteria listed below.

Provides evidence of exemplary leadership in promoting the ePortfolio Project and active engagement in practices that support the implementation of ePortfolios at Auburn University.

Tells a compelling and coherent story of the individual or team’s efforts supported by a range of artifacts and appropriate reflective contextualization to explain the approach to and the impact of implementing ePortfolios in their own program and courses. Supporting artifacts might include items such as teaching materials, examples of student ePortfolios, participation data, testimonials, curriculum maps, assessment processes and results, publications or conference presentations, grant funding and the results of that funding, leadership positions in the project or committee service, or work with industry advisory boards or community evaluators, etc. The nominee(s) may choose which specific artifacts to include.

Team Nominees — Additional Submission Requirements

In addition to the requirements above, the team nominees’ ePortfolio must exhibit a spirit of collaboration and joint ownership/responsibility for the implementation of ePortfolios into their curriculum and document the role and contributions of each member of the team.

To Submit: Send the URL of the ePortfolio to Margaret J. Marshall, Director of University Writing at mmarshall@auburn.edu by midnight March 1, 2018.

Evaluation Criteria

The ePortfolio nominations will be evaluated by a committee of faculty and administrators involved in the ePortfolio Project. The committee bases their decision on:

• only the evidence in the submitted ePortfolio, not any additional information they may have about the nominee(s);
• the impact of the evidence taken as a whole rather than the quality of any single artifact or the effectiveness of the design. In other words, the submitted ePortfolio should tell a compelling story of the range and depth of engagement in the ePortfolio Project and the leadership and innovation of the individual(s) nominated;
• indications of growth and commitment over time and the likelihood that the commitment will continue; and
• for teams, the evidence that each member of the team has made a meaningful contribution, is deeply engaged in implementing ePortfolios, and is collaborating productively.

Any questions should be addressed to Margaret Marshall at mmarshall@auburn.edu prior to the deadline.