

2026 Outstanding International Education Award Bumpers College International Programs Office

A. Objective of the Award

The objective of the Outstanding International Education Award is to recognize Bumpers College faculty who have made recent notable and outstanding contributions to the College international undergraduate and/or graduate international program that increase the marketability of students to employers and graduate programs. The contributions can be through internship, study abroad, classroom instruction, course materials development, innovations in teaching, curricula development and development of international study programs, or other activities or developments that help the College achieve its international programs mission. Activities should have taken place within the past three years.

B. Eligibility

Any faculty member or faculty team in Bumpers College who contributes to the academic programs of the College is eligible. Faculty or faculty teams who have received this award within the past five years are not eligible (see page 2 for past awardees).

C. Process of Nomination

1. Nomination: A faculty member or faculty team may be nominated for the Outstanding International Education Award by any academic department or unit of the College, by another faculty member, or by a student or student organization.
2. Length of Nomination: The nomination has a maximum of three pages (single spaced) plus vitae and appended materials focusing on activities that impact student employment opportunities. Nominations exceeding three pages will not be considered (for items D1-D4).
3. The deadline for nomination materials to be submitted will be announced each fall by the Office of the Dean.
4. Resubmissions with a current nomination letter are acceptable for a period of three years (the initial submission plus two subsequent years).
4. Submissions will be evaluated by the International Programs Office faculty committee.

D. Nomination Packet and Selection Criteria

The following items will be used as criteria for evaluation and selection of the awardee and should be included in the nomination packet.

1. A description of innovations or successful implementation of strategies including impact on students.
2. A statement describing the value of an international experience and why this is a priority for your time and resources.
3. A vitae that highlights recent international activities, maximum one page per faculty member.

4. Evidence of stakeholder support of international instruction and/or internship programs including efforts for securing external funding.

5. Description of participation in any international education activities or programs within the past three years.

6. Submit all documents as a single PDF file.

7. Nominations should be submitted to Vicky Watkins (watkinsv@uark.edu) via email as a pdf file no later than **August 29, 2026** in order to be considered.

E. Awards

The awardee will receive recognition at the yearly Agricultural Awards Ceremony and \$2,000 in financial support to maintain and/or enhance their current international program.