

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2026 JAMES A. KEITH EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

ABOUT THE AWARD

The James A. Keith Excellence in Teaching Award, established in memory of the late professor and associate dean of the Arnold School of Public Health, is designed to recognize excellence in teaching at the school. The Keith Teaching Award includes a \$1,000 honorarium and a commemorative plaque, is presented annually at the Arnold School of Public Health State of the College in the fall.

ELIGIBILITY

All full-time faculty members who have been at the Arnold School of Public Health for at least three years are eligible for the award. However, previous award winners must wait a minimum of five years before being considered again.

WHO CAN NOMINATE?

Nominations may be made by students, faculty, alumni, and administrators in the Arnold School of Public Health.

Note: Self-nomination and self-solicitation of nomination are prohibited. Selection committee members may not nominate faculty members for this award.

PROCEDURE TO NOMINATE A FACULTY MEMBER

To nominate a faculty member, complete a nomination form and submit to the Arnold

School of Public Health Office of Research. Each nominee may be asked to provide appropriate documentation, so a justification of the nominee's contribution is optional. The nomination form is on the back of this flyer or can be downloaded from [2026KeithTeachingAward.pdf](https://www.arnoldschoolofpublichealth.edu/2026KeithTeachingAward.pdf). The completed nomination form should be submitted to AWARDSPH@mailbox.sc.edu.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Keith Teaching Award selection committee will select recipients of the award using the following criteria:

- Record of sustained excellence in classroom teaching and informal mentorship of students,
- Demonstration of exemplary knowledge of subject matter,
- Skill in facilitation of learning, and
- Ability to inspire and motivate the learner.

Note: The selection committee reserves the right not to make an award.

The Arnold School Office of Faculty Affairs and Curriculum will provide teaching information from the most recent one or two annual review documents and will request each department chair (or program director if applicable) to endorse each nominee, providing a rank order if there are multiple

TUESDAY

MARCH

31

2026

Nomination Deadline

If you have questions concerning eligibility, procedures, or criteria for selection, please contact

Rachel Cooper at
803-576-7795 or

AWARDSPH@mailbox.sc.edu

nominations from one unit. Using the nomination letters, annual review, and chair's endorsement, the Selection Committee will screen the nominations and select up to five for whom additional information will be collected, including a statement of teaching philosophy and letters of recommendation.

SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Award selection will be made by a committee comprised of previous James A. Keith Excellence in Teaching award recipients from within the Arnold School of Public Health.



**Arnold School of
Public Health**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

PAST RECIPIENTS

1991	Francisco S. Sy	2003	J. Larry Durstine	2015	Heather Brandt
1992	James R. Hussey	2004	Janice C. Probst	2015	Raja Fayad (<i>In Memoriam</i>)
1993	Suzan D. Boyd	2005	Alexandra Evans	2016	Susan Steck
1994	Ann L. Coker	2006	Sara Corwin	2017	Angela McLeod
1995	Donna L. Richter	2007	Angela Liese	2018	April Wunningham
1996	Robert E. McKeown	2008	Jim Hussey	2019	Lee Pearson
1997	Ruth P. Saunders	2009	Lisa Lindley	2020	Myriam Torres
1998	C. Marjorie Aelion	2010	Kara Montgomery	2021	Raymond Thompson
1999	Henry N. McKellar	2011	Daniela Friedman	2022	Rachel Davis
2000	Roger G. Sargent	2012	Stacy Fritz	2023	Courtney Monroe
2001	Gregory A. Hand	2013	Charles Adams	2024	Sheri Silfies
2002	Robert F. Valois	2014	Hiram McDade	2025	Alexander C McLain

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NOMINATION FORM

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DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026

Faculty nominee: _____ Department: _____

(Optional) Give a brief summary of the nominee's contributions and qualifications. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Nominated by: _____ Department: _____

Phone (work): _____ e-mail: _____

Submit completed nomination forms to **AWARDSPH@mailbox.sc.edu**

Nominations will be accepted through **Tuesday, March 31, 2026.**