This award honors a faculty member (IRC or Tenured/Tenure-Track) who demonstrates a long-standing commitment to advance diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging at CU Denver. Nominees will be selected based upon their record of success in any of these areas:

- engaging our campus community to share responsibility for creating and sustaining a just, safe, and inclusive campus; or
- improving our systems to actively support minoritized people and historically marginalized identities in order to reduce bias and create and sustain equity.

This award was created in 2023 to recognize the 50th year of CU Denver’s creation, as we strive to be the nation’s first equity-serving institution by 2030: one that provides a racially and culturally enhancing educational and work environment and a sense of belonging for all. The launch of this award is part of a broader, long-term effort to recognize the work of faculty and staff in our DEI initiatives.

Nominations will be reviewed by a five-person selection committee with broad campus representation. The winner will receive a stipend of $1,500 and a glass sculpture that will be presented at the Celebration of Faculty Excellence event on April 29, 4:30-6 pm. The award winner will be announced in April 2024.

Nominations are due by close of business on Friday, February 23, to Betsy Metzger, Faculty Affairs Senior Coordinator, Office of the Provost, with a copy to your dean and department chair where relevant.

Please limit all nomination materials (excluding the CV) to no more than 5 pages to include:

1. Two- or three-page statement written by the nominee that includes the nominee’s DEI philosophy and that addresses at least one of the three criteria for the award;
2. Correspondence from current or former colleagues such as other faculty, students, peers, alumni, staff or administrators; and,
3. Current vita, prepared according to the standard CU Denver format.