

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER**  
**2026 Faculty Inclusive Excellence Award**

This award honors a faculty member (IRC or Tenured/Tenure-Track) who demonstrates a long-standing commitment to advance 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;
- the use of inclusive practices to ensure all voices are represented and heard on our campus;
- prioritizing our mission of making education work for all by guaranteeing that our students and employees can show up as their true selves, see themselves reflected in the work of the institution and feel a sense of belonging at CU Denver.

This award was created in 2023 to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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, and may be asked to give a campus talk. The award winner will be announced in April 2026.

Nominations are due by close of business on **Monday, February 16, 2026**, to Betsy Metzger, Faculty Affairs Campus Administrator, 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 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.

Please compile all documents into one PDF file before submitting the nomination.