In recognition of the role that faculty play in creating innovative environments that enable student learning within and across disciplinary, cultural, and ethnic boundaries, Carl and Margaret Liedholm have established the President’s Distinguished Teaching Award. The award is open to current MSU faculty members who have a sustained record (generally three or more years) of substantial teaching responsibilities (generally at least one class each semester) for Michigan State University and have implemented creative and engaging ways to foster student learning. Preference will be given for those engaged in undergraduate teaching.

The award is designed to recognize faculty who:

- Demonstrate energy and enthusiasm for engaging students in their learning;
- Inspire students in unique ways or challenge them in innovative ways;
- Create in their students a sense of intellectual curiosity, exciting them about learning;
- Nurture and empower students to enact change in their own and the lives of others;
- Extend learning in innovative ways beyond the walls of the traditional classroom;
- Implement learning outcomes assessment and exhibit a commitment to the scholarship of teaching and learning; and
- Have influenced others to enhance their teaching by sharing their knowledge.

Although it is not anticipated that every nominee will exemplify all the qualities listed, nominating letters should address examples of how the nominee embodies various aspects of the criteria.

Nominations should include:

- A nomination letter of no more than three single-spaced pages;
- Names and contact information of students, peers, administrators, alumni, or others that the review and rating committee could contact for additional information about how the candidate embodies various aspects of the award’s criteria; and
- A draft citation of 250 – 300 words.

Nominations will be accepted from any member of the MSU community and should be emailed to Mark Largent, interim Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies at largent@msu.edu with the subject “President’s Distinguished Teaching Award Nomination.” Nominations from the previous year will be reconsidered at the original nominator’s request as long as a written request to do so is received by the deadline.

The award is intended to be a surprise to the recipient, so candidates should not be informed about their nominations. The final selection of the award will be made by the interim Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies in consultation with a review and rating committee. The recipient will receive a $3,000 stipend and will be recognized in a surprise event in one of their classes and again at the annual All-University Awards Convocation on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

The deadline for nominations is October 3, 2019. Questions should be directed to Lynne Frechen in the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at 884-0712 or lfrechen@msu.edu.