



2025-2026 CASE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

To nominate a student, faculty member, staff member or department, [follow this link](#) to download the nomination form.

The nominator will submit all required materials: Each submission requires (1) a completed nomination form, (2) a letter of support, (3) a copy of the nominee's CV/Resume. When nominating a department for an award, no CV/resume is required. The nominee's chairperson, program director, or supervisor should also review and approve the form prior to its submission.

The committee will accept self-nominations or nominations by a faculty member, staff member, UNA student, or RSO. Prior CASE Award Winners are encouraged to wait three years before applying for new awards. Please visit the link below to check if the person you wish to nomination has won an award in the previous three years:

<https://www.una.edu/arts-sciences-engineering/excellence-awards-.html>

For all awards, the committee seeks to recognize individuals whose efforts reflect a strong commitment to excellence and a spirit of respect and opportunity for all, across varying perspectives and backgrounds.

DEADLINE: Nominations are due Friday, February 27, 2026– 5:00pm. Please include emails of all nominees, your email, and a letter of support in the appropriate form fields. Failure to submit the nominee's email address and/or letter of support will result in disqualification.

All submission forms and supporting materials can be emailed to: caseawards@una.edu.

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Student Awards

Outstanding Senior Award

Eligibility: CASE Undergraduate seniors

Up to one award will be given in each of the following areas: STEM, Humanities, Performing and Fine Arts, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The award is based on student accomplishments and is not limited solely to GPA. In the letter of support, the nominator should address the nominee's accomplishments in the areas of academics, research and/or creative activity, service, and leadership.

Each award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Outstanding Undergraduate Research/Scholarship/Creative Activity Award

Eligibility: CASE Undergraduate students

Up to one award will be given in each of the following areas: STEM, Humanities, Performing and Fine Arts, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The award is based on student accomplishments in research, scholarship, or creative activity. In the letter of support, the nominator should document the nominee's accomplishments in research/scholarship/creative activity and provide context for the level of the accomplishments.

Each award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Eligibility: CASE Graduate students

The committee will select one awardee based on the graduate student's research and/or creative activity, academic performance, service, and leadership while working towards a Master's degree.

In the letter of support, the nominator should document the nominee's comprehensive accomplishments during their graduate career and provide context for the level of the accomplishments.

The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Faculty Awards

Outstanding Early Career Teaching Award

Eligibility: Tenure-track CASE faculty who have not yet submitted their tenure application, but have been at UNA for at least 12 months.

One awardee will be selected for outstanding performance in teaching. In the letter of support, nominators should document the nominee's accomplishments in teaching with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Outstanding Early Career Research/Scholarship/Creative Activity Award

Eligibility: Tenure-track CASE faculty who have not yet submitted their tenure application, but have been at UNA for at least 12 months.

One awardee will be selected for outstanding research, scholarship, or creative activity. In the letter of support, nominators should document the nominee's accomplishments in their field with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Annual Outstanding Faculty Award

Eligibility: Tenured CASE faculty

One awardee will be selected based on outstanding performance in teaching, research and/or creative activity, and service. In the letter of support, nominators should document accomplishments of the nominee in all three areas with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Outstanding Senior Faculty Award

Eligibility: Tenured CASE faculty at the rank of full professor

One awardee will be selected based on outstanding performance in teaching, research and/or creative activity, and service. In the letter of support, nominators should document accomplishments of the nominee in all three areas with a focus on the previous five academic years. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

The award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Outstanding Innovations in Teaching Award

Eligibility: Any full-time tenured, tenure-track, senior lecturer, or lecturer faculty in CASE

One awardee will be selected based on outstanding innovations in teaching. The committee will place a particular emphasis on the innovative use of technology in the classroom. In the letter of support, nominators should document the nominee's relevant teaching accomplishments with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

Each award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Outstanding Faculty Lecturer Award

Eligibility: CASE faculty with a Lecturer or Senior Lecturer rank

One awardee will be selected based on outstanding teaching. In the letter of support, nominators should document the nominee's relative accomplishments in teaching with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

Each award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award

Eligibility: CASE Adjunct faculty

One awardee will be selected based on outstanding teaching. In the letter of support, nominators should document the nominee's relative accomplishments in teaching with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

Each award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Staff Awards

Outstanding Staff Award

Eligibility: CASE staff

Awarded to a staff member who has gone above and beyond their job requirements during the past year. In the letter of support, nominators should submit materials that cite specific examples of the nominee's excellence that could include service, initiative, leadership and contributions to faculty and student success with a focus on the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

Each award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development.

Department or Individual Awards

Student Experience Award

Eligibility: Any CASE department or individual (CASE faculty or staff)

Recognition for the department/individual excelling in support of student success, experiential group learning, collaboration, research and/or creative activity, advising, student participation in internships or other summer programs, student-centered department culture, etc.

In the letter of support, nominators should document the department/individual's accomplishments with a focus on student experience in the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

Each individual award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development. Department winners will receive \$200 to use towards student experience activities.

Community Involvement and Outreach Award

Eligibility: Any CASE department or individual (CASE faculty or staff)

Recognition for the department/individual excelling in service and outreach activities in the community.

In the letter of support, nominators should document the department/individual's relative accomplishments with a focus on community involvement and outreach in the preceding academic year. No appendices or materials other than those requested will be considered.

Each individual award recipient will receive \$200 for professional development. Department winners will receive \$200 to use towards community involvement and outreach activities.