USDA has issued their call for nominations to the National Awards Program for Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences. As anticipated, this year adds a new category of awards, the "Teaching and Student Engagement" awards, which highlights "those whose appointment is either entirely teaching and advising or has a very high teaching component (at least 75 percent) and for whom research responsibilities would be minimal."

Please take a careful look at the nomination guidelines and form before submitting an application. Applications are due by March 15, 2018, though there is an error in the nomination guidelines (it still reads 2017). I'll check with USDA to make certain that March 15 is still the date, but that is usually when they are due.

As always, these awards are open to those teaching in the fields of agriculture, natural resources, forestry, veterinary medicine, human sciences/family and consumer sciences, and other, closely allied fields.

Please forward this to any faculty you think would be interested.

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