

Grisham Master Teacher Awards, Zacharias Early Career Teaching Awards,
and
Alumni Association Graduate Teaching Awards
Application Cover Page

**Due Dates: November 1, 2026 for applicants only observable in the Fall;
January 10, 2027 for applicants observable in the Spring**

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Grisham Master Teacher Award

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Donald Zacharias Early Career Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

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Alumni Association Graduate and/or Professional Teaching Excellence Award

Applicant: _____ Title: _____

Department: _____ 9-Digit ID: _____

Applicant e-mail: _____ Applicant Phone: _____

Nominator: _____ Nominator's email: _____

You will submit a single PDF file containing all your documents. **PDF File:** Submit all documents as a single PDF file in the order listed below. Documents prepared by the nominee must be in 12-point Times font or similar with 1-inch margins on all sides. The committee requests that no summary table of student evaluations be included, however as part of your evidence, you may include a subset of students' qualitative comments for courses taught over the past three years. The committee may access quantitative student evaluations as part of the evaluation process.

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- Two-page nomination letter from a faculty member or administrative colleague.**

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- Limit of five (5) 1-page letters of support (at least two from faculty and two from students).**

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- Teaching Vita (not to exceed five pages). Include those parts of a general vita that would pertain specifically to teaching, such as courses taught and developed, research and scholarship in teaching, and teaching awards.

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- Statement of educational/teaching philosophy (not to exceed two pages).

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- Description and evidence of teaching methods and assessment of student learning (not to exceed 10 pages).

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- Up to two recent representative course syllabi.

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- My teaching can be observed in the (check one): ☐ Fall semester ☐ Spring semester ☐ Either semester

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- I allow this application packet to be held by and accessed through University Archives at Mitchell Memorial Library

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- Submit by email to grishamaward@provost.msstate.edu no later than **November 1, 2026 for applicants only observable in the Fall, or January 10, 2027 if observable in the Spring.**

** Applicants may provide relevant factual information to letter writers, but applicants must not provide them with actual or suggested text for letters. By submitting this application, applicant certifies that letters are entirely the product of the writers. Writers may be contacted to confirm this.

I agree to be observed in class by UDTAC members and allow quantitative data to be reviewed if needed. If selected as a Grisham Master Teacher, I agree to share my expertise by conducting a limited number of workshops and/or other instructional improvement activities in return for this honor.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____