



TIAA-CREF HESBURGH AWARD

The TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Award recognizes exceptional faculty development programs designed to enhance undergraduate teaching and learning. Named in honor of Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, esteemed leader in higher education, and former member of the TIAA and CREF Boards of Overseers, this award is given each year to a program judged to have best met the three award criteria: relevance of the faculty development program in enhancing undergraduate teaching and learning; effectiveness of the program's development and implementation plan; and proven success and impact on undergraduate teaching and learning.

ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

All U.S. colleges and universities both private and public, two- and four-year are eligible to participate in the TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Award program. Nominated faculty development programs must focus on improving undergraduate teaching and student learning, and the program should have at least a three-year track record of proven success.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

Relevance of the faculty development program in enhancing undergraduate teaching and learning as demonstrated by the extent to which it:

- Addresses an important undergraduate teaching and learning challenge appropriate to the institution's mission and character.
- Represents a fresh direction beyond a conventional response in its approach to faculty development.
- Supports the diverse, multicultural aspects of undergraduate education.

Effectiveness of the program's development and implementation plan as demonstrated by the extent to which it:

- Clearly communicates the program's objectives and expected teaching and learning outcomes.

- Strongly analyzes the educational need and incorporates an effective implementation strategy.
- Offers evidence of the efficient use of human and financial resources and inclusive planning.
- Demonstrates a high degree of faculty participation at all levels.

Proven success and impact as demonstrated by:

- Evidence of systemic change in teaching effectiveness and sustained faculty commitment, including the extent of faculty participation, the formalization of the program, and its integration into the teaching philosophy.
- Objective, hard data documenting improvements in undergraduate learning outcomes and student advancement.
- Substantiation of the program's successful far-reaching impact on the academic community, such as self-evaluations, best-practice analysis, and emulation or adaptation by others.

Faculty development programs are nominated for the Hesburgh Award by the sponsoring institution and approved by its president or the most relevant academic dean.





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HOW TO ENTER

1. Compile a cover sheet that includes the following information:
 - a. Program title
 - b. Focus of the program
 - c. Name of the institution
 - d. Name of a primary contact person, his/her title, phone number, email and mailing address
 - e. Name of the institution's president or academic dean approving the submission
 - f. Type of college or university (private or public, four-year or two-year)
 - g. Number of full-time students
 - h. Number of full-time faculty
2. Submit a summary statement of the faculty development program, including the program's goal, key achievements, and purpose. The summary should not exceed 250 words and should be prepared in size 12 font or larger. Please include a link to the program's web site, if available.
3. Submit a description of how the program satisfies each of the TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Award criteria point by point. Organize the submission in the same order as the criteria are presented in this document. The description should not exceed 3,000 words and should be prepared in size 12 font or larger. You may also submit appropriate related collateral material.
4. All materials must be submitted electronically in Word, PDF, etc. via email to the TIAA-CREF Institute at: **tiaa-crefinstitute@tiaa-cref.org**. Please indicate "Hesburgh Award Submission" in the subject line of the cover message.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Submissions must be received no later than Monday, November 5, 2007. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNER

The winner of the 2008 TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Award will be announced in early 2008 and the award will be presented during the annual meeting of the American Council on Education (ACE), February 9 – 12, 2008 in San Diego, CA.

