University Advisors and Counselors

2016 Innovative Award Nomination Criteria

The purpose of the Innovative Advising Award is to recognize the most creative and unique uses of technology and/or advising models that support academic advising. Electronic tools used to support and enhance advising can include, but are not limited to, advising websites, databases, software applications, online tutorials, electronic portfolios, DVDs and other web-based and non-web-based innovations to improve academic advising.

The recipient(s) of the Innovative Advising Award will receive a plaque and a cash award of $500 at the UAC Awards Breakfast in May.

The nominee(s) can be a College advising group, Departmental advising group, or an individual, and may not be the recipient of this award more than once in a five-year period. Any student, staff or faculty member may make a nomination. The nominations are judged on the basis of content, interactivity, clarity, and creativity. Nominators need to make sure that the Awards Committee can access any technology provided by providing a web-site, a CD, or DVD, or a password that provides access.

Listed below are the minimum criteria for consideration.

1. Commercial software resources are not eligible; however, commercial software that has been adapted to advising uses and is being used by an institution in a creative manner may be submitted for consideration.
2. Innovative Quality- Use of innovative advising techniques and/or development of advising materials or programs.
3. Impact- Major impact on students and their intellectual development through innovative approaches to advising.
4. Creativity - Demonstrate creative approaches in advising resulting in effective service.
5. A STRONG preference will be given to those nominations that are ADA-compliant (Americans with Disabilities Act).

Nomination forms and more information on the nomination process will be made available on the UAC Web site, http://uac.tamu.edu. The deadline to receive nominations will be 5:00 PM, Friday, April 8, 2016.