

The Walter and Charlotte Pippenger Excellence in Innovation Award Information 2021

The Pippenger Award was established in 2005, at Montana State University Billings, by Richard and Cheri Cox, their sons Shaun and Scott Cox, and the members of the Cox Family, in honor of Mrs. Cox's parents. The **Walter and Charlotte Pippenger Excellence in Innovation Award** offers a \$5,000.00 stipend to an individual or group whose efforts, projects, or programs clearly and objectively demonstrate improvement in the undergraduate teaching and learning experience.

Dick and Cheri Cox, their sons Shaun and Scott Cox, who, with their family members, have for many years funded the Cox Fellowship for Junior Faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences at MSU Billings, have established the Walter and Charlotte Pippenger Excellence in Innovation Award to encourage significant innovative and creative improvements in the experiences of undergraduate students at Montana State University Billings.

Information on the availability of this award and the nomination process is attached. This data sheet from the Provost's office describes the award criteria and application information. **Application forms for this award are now available and must be submitted by the December 9, 2020 deadline.**

Overview

An annual award in the amount of \$5,000 will be given to acknowledge and reward the faculty or staff member/s who demonstrates the most successful and innovative program or project that significantly enhances undergraduate teaching and student learning at Montana State University Billings. Programs and projects must have been "completed" within the past academic year (2019-2020) to be eligible for consideration.

Purpose

Recognition will be given to an individual or group whose efforts, projects, or programs demonstrate significant improvement in the undergraduate teaching and learning experience. Such improvement(s) may be demonstrated through curricular revisions, retention efforts, student recruitment efforts, community-based learning, demonstration of "best practices" in teaching, civic engagement, technology applications, service learning, cooperative education, outcomes-based assessment, internships, international education experiences, field experiences, diversity education, etc.

Process

- **Applications for the Walter and Charlotte Pippenger Excellence in Innovation Award are now available.**
- **Complete applications must be submitted to the Office of the Provost by December 9, 2020.**
- **A selection committee will recommend the award recipient/s to the Provost.**

Application

The application for the Walter and Charlotte Pippenger Excellence in Innovation Award must include the following:

- Name of the applicant/s
- Description of the program or project
- Purpose of the program or project
- Time period during which the program or project occurred
- Description of the demonstrated outcomes of the project that significantly improved undergraduate teaching and student success at MSU Billings
- Impact of the project on MSU Billings
- Student and peer evaluations of the project
- Letter of support from the applicant's supervisor(s)