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2027 Plumeri Awards for Faculty Excellence Selection and Announcement Process

Selection

The Plumeri Award recognizes and rewards core virtues that distinguish outstanding faculty members and define excellence at William & Mary. Full-time faculty in all schools who have been at William & Mary for at least five years will be eligible for the award, with no restrictions on the number of recipients selected from each school or area.

Nine awardees will be selected every year, each receiving a \$20,000 prize expendable over a three-year period. Faculty members may be selected for the award a maximum of two times, and only once in a ten-year period. Applications from previous winners will be assessed primarily on the basis of work since the past award was received.

Application Process

A selection committee will review all applications. Candidates will be evaluated on their contributions and accomplishments in the areas of discovery, scholarship, and teaching. Evidence of excellence in these areas may include:

- innovation and scholarly impact (e.g., research discoveries, publications, citations, creative works)
- external recognition (e.g., grants and awards from bodies such as the National Science Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, or the National Endowment for the Humanities)
- collaboration with students (e.g., mentored research projects, high-impact practices, innovative pedagogy)
- teaching excellence (e.g., strong evaluation summary scores, course innovation)
- engaged citizenship and stewardship of W&M's core values (e.g., service on university or departmental committees, leadership roles, contributions to a positive and inclusive campus culture)

Completed applications must be submitted via this [online form](#) by **5:00 PM Friday, October 9, 2026**.

Successful applicants will have demonstrated a commitment to discovering new ideas and creating knowledge. They will be significant and influential scholars who have proven their ability to translate these traits and accomplishments into engaging instruction for students. The Plumeri Award celebrates passion, vision, and leadership.

The selection committee will identify the strongest candidates to advance to the next stage.

Interviews will be conducted with finalists to assist the Provost in making the final selection.

Required Application Elements

1. Statement (maximum 2 pages, single-spaced, Aleo typeface in 11-point font) highlighting contributions and accomplishments in the areas of discovery, scholarship and teaching
2. Current CV (maximum 10 pages)

Announcement & Awards

Faculty selected to receive the award will be informed in December, and a public announcement will be made during the Spring 2027 semester. Awards will be formally presented to recipients at a ceremony with the President, Provost and Mr. Joseph Plumeri in late spring.