

ARE YOU A **MAVERICK TRAILBLAZER?**

We invite you to nominate a deserving faculty member for the 2026 Faculty Senate Maverick Trailblazer Award at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. This prestigious award recognizes exceptional contributions to our university and beyond through outstanding achievements in teaching, research/creative activity, and/or service.

The award offers an opportunity to celebrate and honor those who have demonstrated excellence and commitment across multiple areas of academic and community engagement.

Award Details:

- **Award Amount:** \$3,000
- **Selection Process:** The Faculty Senate will select 3 finalists, from which one winner will be chosen.
- **Eligibility:** Open to all full-time faculty members at UNO.
- **Criteria:** Recognition of excellence in teaching, research/creative activity, and/or service.

Help us celebrate UNO's excellence by nominating a deserving colleague (self-nominations are also accepted). The winner is required to deliver a community-focused keynote presentation as part of a special ceremony recognizing their accomplishments in the Fall of 2026 at the Strauss Performing Arts Center.

APPLY

Nominations for this award must include the following items:

1. **Letter of nomination:** Letter of nomination highlighting the nominee's exceptional contributions and why they should be awarded the Maverick Trailblazer Award. *Required only for self nominations.*
2. **Letter of support:** From colleague, professional industry colleague, community member, University student, or supervisor (ie: department chair or college dean).
3. **Nominee's Curriculum vitae**
4. **Lecture proposal:** In 2 pages or less, nominees should submit a proposal as to how their teaching, research, creative activity, or service exemplify the Maverick Spirit, reflecting your work as a connector, collaborator, and/or innovator. This proposal should also outline their public lecture including the topic, and general flow of the lecture.
5. **Video Pitch:** Nominees are required to submit a video link (ie: Yuja or YouTube) with a no more than 5 minute "pitch" presentation. This video should help the committee get to know the nominee and better understand what the lecture will entail if the nominee is chosen.

Full application due March 18th, 2026:

https://unomaha.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_blcEyCiiczKXl4

Contact Faculty Senate with questions: unofacultysenate@unomaha.edu



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