



Ohio PKAL STEM Educator Award 2017

PROGRAM SUMMARY: The Ohio PKAL STEM Educator Award recognizes excellence and innovation in the field of STEM education at the college level. One Ohio STEM educator is selected annually to receive a \$500 award. The recipient will be honored during the 2017 Annual Ohio PKAL Conference, *Evidence-Based STEM Education: Teaching and Student Success*, University of Findlay, May 20, 2017.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be Ohio STEM college educators with a minimum of 3 years teaching experience in one or more STEM fields.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING: Excellence in innovative STEM pedagogies is the main criterion for selection of the award recipient, this can include faculty who meet at least two of the following criteria:

- Implement innovative pedagogies that address real-world problem-solving.
- Encourage curiosity and generate excitement in STEM education by engaging students in STEM activities.
- Demonstrate effectiveness in teaching STEM subject(s).
- Participate in educational STEM activities outside of the classroom.
- Infuse 21st Century Skills into teaching (i.e., critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity).
- Model how educators can work with industry and communities to enrich STEM education.
- Mentor other STEM faculty.

AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- A narrative (500 word maximum) describing how the nominee meets some of criteria above.
- Two letters of support from colleagues who can describe the merit of the nominee's work. These letters should not exceed two pages each and must accompany packet.
- A vita that includes teaching experience, STEM-related professional development, STEM-related professional activities and awards.
- Submit all documents in pdf format (one email with multiple documents is acceptable) to akarkows@capital.edu.

Upon receipt, all applications become the property of Ohio PKAL. Application materials will not be returned. Late or faxed applications will not be accepted. Complete applications must be received by March 10, 2017. Applicants will be notified by April 1, 2017. Questions: Send email to Dr. Andrea M. Karkowski at akarkows@capital.edu.