

## CALS Faculty Career Champion Program Call for Nominations

The CALS Career Center requests nominations from each department/school for participation in its Faculty Career Champion program. As liaisons between their academic units and the Center, Faculty Career Champions are responsible for performing select activities and tasks designed to strengthen the Center's reach and impact on students. Champion activities and tasks will align with and support the Center's vision to become the national model for competency-based career and entrepreneurial leadership development in colleges of agriculture and the life sciences.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Faculty Career Champion program will focus on building stronger lines of communication and collaboration between the Career Center and each academic unit in the college. In addition to identifying and recognizing faculty excellence in the areas of student career development across the College, the primary objectives of the program are:

- To extend and strengthen Career Center resource utilization in each unit and across community and industry networks.
- To integrate career competencies with unit curricula.
- To strengthen the collection and tracking of student placement and career destination data.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

All full-time members of the CALS faculty are eligible to be nominated for the Faculty Career Champion program. **Background/prior experience in career development is not required.** Rather, faculty who believe in the importance of student career development and who are willing to partner with colleagues in their units to raise awareness of Career Center opportunities and foster the integration of career competencies into unit courses are sought. Program-specific training and collaborative learning and development opportunities with Career Center staff and partners will be offered to Faculty Champions.

The inaugural Champion cohort will be asked to serve a three-semester term beginning in the Spring 2022 and ending at the conclusion of the Spring 2023 semester. Inaugural Champions will be awarded a stipend totaling \$1,500 (\$500 per semester of service). Participation will be limited to one Champion per academic unit per cohort.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

With support from Career Center staff and partners, Champions will be responsible for pursuing program objectives within their home academic unit. The activities and strategies pursued by Champions will reflect their specific expertise and/or talents and the needs and opportunities unique to their academic units.

### NOMINATION PROCESS

Nomination packets include a cover sheet with signatures of the nominee and their unit head and a one-page personal statement that addresses the following questions:

1. How would you describe your interests in student career development?
2. What are the pressing student career development needs in your academic unit?
3. What experiences have you had interacting/collaborating with the CALS Career Center?

Complete packets should be emailed to Dr. Matt Mars, Academic Director of the Career Center, by 5:00pm on Monday, November 1, 2021. Matt's email is [mmars@arizona.edu](mailto:mmars@arizona.edu).

**CALS FACULTY CAREER CHAMPION PROGRAM  
COVER SHEET**

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title/Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Academic Unit Head**

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Not Approved

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Signature

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Date