



ROBERT FOSTER
CHERRY AWARD
FOR GREAT TEACHING™

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August 29, 2024

Dr. Joseph Glover
Senior VP for Acad. Affairs and Provost
University of Arizona
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Dear Provost Glover,

Baylor University's prestigious *Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching* is designed to honor outstanding teachers and host our nation's premier educators on Baylor's campus. Awarded biennially, the Cherry Award program was created in 1991 and serves as a reflection of Baylor's continuing commitment to excellence in teaching.

Recent award recipients include Dr. Hollylynne S. Lee, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics and Statistics Education at North Carolina State University and Dr. Jennifer Cognard-Black, Professor of English at St. Mary's College of Maryland. We are thrilled to welcome the 2024 winner, Jay L. Banner, Ph.D., F.M., Professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin, to our campus in the spring of 2025.

Submitting a nomination for this award is a way to participate in the continued emphasis on excellence in teaching in higher education. We hope you will take this opportunity to nominate an outstanding teacher for the Cherry Award, as well as encourage nominations from the various academic units of your institution.

In addition to an invitation to present within a lecture series on campus, finalists and their respective universities are awarded a monetary prize. The Cherry Award bestows a generous \$250,000 prize for the winner, with an additional \$25,000 to his or her home department.

Nominations are submitted electronically, and more than one nomination per institution is welcomed. Information about the Cherry Award can be found at cherryaward.web.baylor.edu. If you have any questions, please reference the enclosed card, or contact the Robert Foster Cherry Award Office at (254)710-2923.

We look forward to hearing from you and learning more about the outstanding faculty teaching at your institution.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Livingstone, Ph.D.
Baylor University President

Kevin D. Dougherty, Ph.D.
Chair, Cherry Award Committee



CHERRY AWARD

The Baylor University Cherry Award program is designed to honor great teachers, to stimulate discussion in the academy about the value of teaching, and to encourage departments and institutions to value their own great teachers. The award recipient will receive \$250,000 and will teach in residence at Baylor University during the 2026 fall or 2027 spring semester. Travel expenses and a furnished apartment will be provided. To further Baylor University's commitment to great teaching, the award recipient's home department will receive \$25,000.

THE AWARD PROCESS

Three finalists will be chosen from the field of nominees. Each finalist will receive \$15,000 and will be invited to present a series of lectures at Baylor University in the fall of 2025. Additionally, each finalist will present a Cherry Award Lecture on his or her home campus, and each home department will receive \$10,000 to foster the development of pedagogical skills. In total, the recipient of the Cherry Award, announced in spring 2026, will receive \$265,000, and his or her home department, \$35,000.

SCHEDULE FOR THE 2026 AWARD

NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Nomination deadline

SPRING 2025

Three finalists announced

FALL 2025

Finalists visit Baylor University campus and make presentations; also make home campus presentations

SPRING 2026

Cherry Award recipient announced

FALL 2026 OR SPRING 2027

Cherry Award recipient semester-in-residence at Baylor

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