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## The MAIR Birkhead-Burkhead Teaching Excellence Award and Professorship

It's time to make a difference for your favorite professor!

Each year, during the MAIR Cohort Toast, an outstanding faculty member receives the renowned The MAIR Birkhead-

Burkhead Teaching Excellence Award and Professorship.

Your nominations as students play a crucial role in shaping the selection process. Only professors who get student recommendations are eligible for consideration, and the number and content of nomination letters have a significant impact on the final selection decision.

**Deadline for nominations is March 15, 2024.**

**NOMINATE NOW**

## More information about the award

- The award, given annually, entails an appointment for four years as a “Burkhead-Burkhead Teaching Excellence Professor,” and a plaque for the winner’s office. In addition, a larger plaque listing annual winners will be located in Eggers 209. The winner is announced each year at the MAIR Cohort Toast in May.
- In making its decision, the selection committee examines substantive letters of nomination from current and former MPA, MAIR, and PhD students along with teaching evaluations for the last 2-3 years, syllabi, grade distributions, and evidence of mentorship/advising. The selection committee is comprised of 4 professors, an MPA student, and an MAIR student.
- All current PAIA faculty, except the winners over the past 3 years\*, are eligible for the award. To nominate a professor, write a letter to the Burkhead-Burkhead Award selection committee citing specific examples and evidence of teaching excellence.

*\*Recent Recipients: Zach Huitink, Johannes Himmelreich, Peter*

*Wilcoxon and Lionel Johnson*

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