

## TUTOR EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

Tutors wishing to apply for the “Excellence in Teaching” Awards offered by the Open University of Cyprus must submit a free text application of at most 1,500 words, in which her/his didactic/pedagogic philosophy/approach are presented/analyzed. The text must be structured to follow the evaluation criteria listed below that the Academic Coordinator of each Programme of Study will use to evaluate all candidates. Further, the candidate must submit evidence that in his/her opinion support and document the claims made in her/his application.

### Evaluation Criteria

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#### 1. Research - Teaching Synergies:

- The candidate links teaching with his/her own research and / or the subject area of research.
- Students participate in research activities and projects during the course.

#### 2. The candidate’s teaching has a wider impact outside OUC:

- The candidate has received invitations for teaching or lecture delivery in other universities or teaching institutes.
- The candidate links course activities with social or environmental action.
- The candidate collaborates with social groups or communities

#### 3. Outstanding guidance and support towards students:

- The candidate uses effective communication techniques with different groups of students.
- The candidate responds to students’ needs.
- The candidate is committed to teaching and available to students.

#### 4. The candidate’s teaching promotes effective learning, it is of consistent quality, and original:

- The candidate leverages the results of previous students’ assessment questionnaires to revise his/her teaching approaches and/or activities.
- The candidate uses various teaching methods to actively engage students in learning activities.
- The candidate correlates the content of the course with the students’ interests and experiences.

#### 5. The candidate uses appropriate teaching and learning resources and tools:

- The candidate employs innovative learning forms and tools.
- The candidate applies innovative approaches for the assessment of students.
- The candidate encourages the active participation of students in the course

activities and the use of appropriate learning materials.

**6. The candidate re-evaluates and updates the course material:**

- The candidate revises and updates the course syllabus.
- The syllabus reflects the latest achievements/developments in the relevant scientific field.
- Recent developments -political, economic, institutional- taking place in Cyprus, the European Union and worldwide, are considered in the course syllabus.