
ATTENTION!

Call for applications for the annual **RICHARD SIEGFRIED JUNIOR FACULTY** **PRIZE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

The Richard Siegfried Junior Faculty Prize for Academic Excellence is funded by generous gifts from Alumni to the 2026-2027 Fund for Oneonta and gifts to the SUNY Oneonta Foundation.

Eligibility: SUNY-Oneonta full-time, non-tenured faculty including Assistant Professors, PRODiG Fellows, and Visiting Assistant Professors are eligible to apply. Tenured Assistant Professors and Lecturers are not eligible for this award. (Other faculty award opportunities are listed at <https://suny.oneonta.edu/faculty-center/funding-opportunities-awards>).

Purpose:

1. Recognition of academic excellence, encompassing scholarship and public speaking, and
2. Public promotion of SUNY Oneonta.

Submission Materials:

1. Statement regarding academic excellence.
2. Current CV listing published books, articles, chapters, creative activities, presentations, or other scholarly achievements.
3. No more than three representative examples of the above items that directly relate to the proposed presentation, potentially including representative publications, projects, or presentations.
4. Title, outline, and summary of proposed presentation, identifying content to be covered, thesis/interpretation, organization, and mode (e.g., slides, PowerPoint, demonstration).
5. Explanation of why the topic will interest a general audience and enhance the reputation of the University.
6. Statement regarding public speaking experience and style.
7. Two letters of support, including at least one from a SUNY Oneonta faculty, staff member, administrator, etc., outlining the applicant's ability to give such a presentation.

Selection Criteria:

1. Evidence of academic achievement such as the publication of books or articles, grants for research or other scholarly endeavors, exhibits, conference presentations, creative achievements, performance events, or works in progress.
2. Evidence that the applicant can present a significant, interesting, and accessible 45-minute public lecture appropriate to a university and community audience composed of non-specialists. Although the lecture topic should come from the applicant's scholarship, the proposed presentation must engage and have relevance for a general audience.

Nomination Process:

Faculty nominate themselves, providing all necessary documentation.

Important Dates:

Friday, September 25, 4:30 pm: Deadline to submit all application materials electronically to Leslie.Albanese@oneonta.edu.

Week of October 12 – 16, 2026: Successful applicant will be notified.

Evening of Tuesday, November 17, 2026: Successful applicant will receive the \$2,000 prize and deliver the annual Siegfried Lecture.

The selection committee includes the Provost, the Academic Deans, and members of the Academic Excellence Committee. The Academic Excellence Committee is comprised of past recipients of the Susan Sutton Smith Prize, Mark Ferrara, Kiyoko Yokota, William Walker as well as past recipients of the Richard Siegfried Prize, Chelsea McCracken, Matthew Unangst, and Kaedan O'Brien.
