

Sabbaticals, Fellowships & Awards Committee

For the 2025-2026 year, the Committee awarded ten sabbaticals, though only the minimum of eight sabbaticals were funded by the Board, and seven fellowships were also awarded. The Committee also participated in the ASCCC's statewide annual awards process for the first time in several years.

The Committee also participated in the ASCCC's statewide Exemplary Program Award process for the first time in several years. Our nomination of the Interior Design and Architecture Program earned an Honorable Mention for the 2025–2026 Exemplary Program Award, recognizing the program's commitment to equity, inclusive design education, and student success. We congratulate the Interior Design and Architecture faculty and students on this well-deserved recognition and welcome faculty nominations for the upcoming awards cycle.

2026-27 ASCCC Awards

The **Exemplary Program Award**, established in 1991 by the Board of Governors (BOG), recognizes outstanding community college programs. As selected by the ASCCC Board of Directors, the t**heme for the 2026-27 Exemplary Program Award is: Human-Centered Innovation and Environmental Sustainability in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.** Excellence in this area will be demonstrated by outstanding California Community College programs that embrace new technologies without losing sight of the people and the planet those technologies are meant to serve.

Up to two college programs receive $4,000 cash prizes and a plaque, and up to four colleges receive an honorable mention and a plaque. **The call for nominations, application, criteria, and scoring rubric have been released and the submission deadline is November 6, 2026**. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please email davisongeorge@smc.edu and arrizon_vicenta@smc.edu

The **Hayward Award** is an annual statewide award given to up to four faculty members, two full-time faculty and two part-time faculty, who have been nominated by peers from their college. The award honors outstanding community college faculty who have a track record of excellence in teaching, student support, and professional activities and have demonstrated commitment to their students, profession, and college. Recipients of the Hayward Award receive a plaque and a $1,250 cash award. A call for nominations goes out in **November** with an announcement letter, application, criteria, and scoring rubric.

The **Stanback Stroud Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-Racism and Accessibility (IDEAA) Award**, named for former ASCCC Senate President Regina Stanback-Stroud, honors faculty who have

made special contributions addressing issues involving IDEAA. One person receives a cash award of $5,000 and a plaque. A call for nominations goes out in **December** with an announcement letter, application, criteria, and scoring rubric. Each college may nominate only one faculty member or group of faculty members.

Once they call for nominations, the committee will send out more specific information on the application process. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please email davisongeorge@smc.edu and arrizon_vicenta@smc.edu