The Truly Innovative Teaching Award is presented to an NMSU educator from any campus (full-time, part-time, or graduate student) who teaches courses for academic credit. To win, you must have made an innovation in teaching that has positively impacted student attitude, motivation, or learning. Your innovation can be unique to you or can be an implementation of someone else’s idea.

This innovation must also have some connection to the Teaching Academy, i.e., you learned about it here or you gave a workshop about it here. (To volunteer to give a workshop, contact Morgan Iommi at miommi@nmsu.edu.)

The winner will be chosen by the Teaching Academy Advisory Board. Academy staff cannot vote. The award comes with $1,000 and a glass art trophy. The next award will be presented at the annual Teaching Academy Gala at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020. Because you are required to receive the award in person, please check your calendar before applying.

The award cannot be won more than once within five years by the same person. The application has four sections that can take up no more than a total of four pages. The page limit is strictly enforced.

Section 1
Name, department, contact information and confirmation of your availability for the Gala.

Section 2
What the innovation is and how it was applied in your class. (25 points)

Section 3
The relationship between your innovation and the Teaching Academy. (25 points)

Section 4
Evidence that your innovation positively affected student attitude, motivation, and/or learning. This section must include quotations from student evaluations, which contribute some (but not all) of the evidence to demonstrate how the teaching innovation affected attitude, motivation and/or learning. No letters from students, please. (50 points)

Note: Previous successful applications can be found at http://teaching.nmsu.edu/teaching-academy-awards/; however, the application guidelines do change somewhat every year.

The Truly Innovative Teaching Award was established in 2014 in memory of Harry and Jenny Truly by Elise “Pookie” and Michael Sautter.

The award is $1,000. Applications are due the last Monday of February.

Send applications to Emily Green at teaching@nmsu.edu