

## GLOBAL AFFAIRS FACULTY AWARD

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) is committed to position itself to become *the* premier institution in international undergraduate and graduate education in Texas. Commensurate with this ambitious goal, the Office of Global Affairs is pleased to sponsor the Global Affairs Faculty Award (GAFA) to encourage large-scale, transformative campus internationalization. The GAFA award will recognize the outstanding teaching, research, and/or service contribution made by an UTRGV faculty around fundamental globalization pillars such as:

- Leadership in education abroad
- Development or redesign of curricular, co-curricular, or area studies
- Foreign languages immersion
- Recruiting of international faculty and visiting scholars
- Promoting meaningful strategic partnerships
- Enhancing synergies with international partners
- Recipient of international research grants
- Engagement in multicultural campus activities
- Other significant global programming initiatives such as a Fulbright designation

The GAFA will carry a \$1,250 prize to be used towards future globalization efforts of the recipient's choice and a plaque. The deadline for nominations including self-nominations and complete applications will be April 30<sup>th</sup> each year. They will be reviewed by members of the Global Affairs Advisory Council (GAAC).

The main evaluation criteria for selection includes the excellence, diversity, nature, and scope of perspectives in the teaching, research, and/or service on global issues. GAAC members cannot apply or be nominated. They will also be excused from the selection committee if nominating somebody else.

The GAFA will be presented at the end of each academic year. Terms and conditions of eligibility for the GAFA require nominees to be full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty who have been in residence at UTRGV for at least two academic years prior to the year of nomination. In addition, nominees must not have received the award within the past three years.

If interested, please visit the Global Affairs website at [www.utrgv.edu/ga/about-global-affairs/ga-faculty-award/](http://www.utrgv.edu/ga/about-global-affairs/ga-faculty-award/).

NOMINATION LETTER

Nominating Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief description of the global teaching, research, and/or service activity undertaken in the past academic year by the person being nominated. Please attach any supporting documentation.