

2007-2008 Frances Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

The **Frances Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching** is a memorial to the late Frances Davis who taught mathematics at UH-Manoa and UH-Leeward for 19 years. Frances Davis was an inspired teacher dedicated to sharing her knowledge of mathematics with undergraduates attending the University of Hawai'i. The award recognizes recipients for their dedication to teaching, for their demonstrated excellence as teachers and for their attention to undergraduate students. Its purpose is to recognize the **teaching excellence of a full-time junior faculty member** at campuses of the University of Hawai'i.

The following criteria should be used in judging among candidates for the award:

1. At UH-Manoa, candidates must be full-time Instructors (I2) or Assistant Professors (I3).
2. Candidates should demonstrate a record of dedication to teaching, excellence in the design and instruction of lower division or interdisciplinary undergraduate courses, and service to undergraduate students.

3. Weighing priorities are as follows:

- HIGHEST:** Faculty member's demonstrated professional expertise as exhibited in teaching success.
- 2ND HIGHEST:** Faculty member's demonstrated interest and involvement on behalf of students.
- 3RD HIGHEST:** Faculty member's performance as exemplar for students.

At UH-Manoa, this award is presented as an equivalent to the "excellence in teaching" award. Screening of nominees is made at the college level using BOR Excellence in Teaching criteria and the final recommendation is made by the Honors and Awards Committee. Colleges may recommend a junior faculty nominee from the pool of applicants for the BOR teaching award. In addition, a **Frances Davis Graduate Teaching Assistant Award** winner will be selected by the Graduate Council. The Frances Davis Excellence in Teaching Award will be presented at the special awards convocation in September, 2008 (Tentative).

The award recipient will receive \$1,000, a certificate, and an invitation to participate in the Hawai'i Great Teachers Seminar in August, 2008.