

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **Stephen H. Weiss Junior Fellowships**

In order to acknowledge and encourage innovative undergraduate teaching, the family of the late Stephen H. Weiss '57, chairman emeritus of the Cornell University Board of Trustees, has expanded the long-standing Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellowships to include a new university-wide award. The Stephen H. Weiss Junior Fellowships will be made annually to two early-career, tenured professors (typically Associate Professors) who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and mentoring. Even though teaching excellence is the principal criterion for selection, Stephen H. Weiss Junior Fellows should also be notable scholars in their chosen fields. Recipients will receive \$3,000 per year award, for five years, as long as they continue to hold a professorial appointment at Cornell. Stephen H. Weiss Junior Fellows may use the title during the five-year term of their award.

#### **Criteria for selection:**

Nominees are early-career, tenured Cornell faculty who have shown strong interest and accomplishment in various educational endeavors, with promise for continued excellence in teaching. Specifically, a Weiss Junior Fellow will have achieved success by:

- **making distinctive contributions to teaching**, including challenging and well-organized presentations of material, use of innovative teaching methods that enhance active learning of core concepts in the field, and ready availability to students outside the class;
- **influencing students beyond the formal role as an instructor**, including academic advising, mentoring students in individual theses and other scholarly projects, advising student organizations, and interacting with students in informal contexts;
- **helping students** in informal ways, such as advising students faced with personal problems or illnesses to identify resources available to them.

#### **Procedure**

A member of the faculty, the academic staff, or a student may submit a nomination; typically, this is done by the Chair of the department of the nominee. Students who wish to submit a nomination are encouraged to contact the faculty member's department Chair for assistance in assembling supporting materials.

All nomination submissions must include two (but not more than two) letters of support from members of the faculty or academic staff, and six (but not more than six) letters of support from the nominee's current or former undergraduate students. Re-nominations are encouraged.

[Click here for Nomination Guidelines](#)

**NOMINATIONS DEADLINE: MARCH 17, 2017**