THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# Thetos Distinguished Teaching Award 2026 (for Teaching Track Faculty)
# Nomination Form

**To: Associate Provost (Teaching & Learning), Office of the Provost**

**Part A**: Particulars of the Nominee and Types of Award under the Thetos Distinguished Teaching Award *(Please refer to Part E about the eligibility of nomination.)*

Name of the Nominee: _____

Department: _____

Position: _____

Types of the Award: *(please put a tick ☑ as appropriate)*

☐ **Distinguished Teaching Award**: The nominee has **six years of university teaching experience or more** at HKUST as of the closing date for nomination.

☐ **Early Career Distinguished Teaching Award**: The nominee **does not have more than six years** of university teaching experience at HKUST as of the closing date for nomination.

**Part B**: Particulars of the Nominator(s) supporting this nomination *(please use additional form/sheet if needed)*

Name: _____

Department: _____

Email: _____ Contact No.: _____

*(please put a tick ☑ as appropriate)*

☐ I am a faculty other than the nominee. ☐ I am a student of the nominee.

Statement in support of the nomination: *(please put a tick ☑ as appropriate)*

☐ A joint statement by all nominators is attached

☐ An individual statement is attached.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Department: _____

Email: _____ Contact No.: _____

*(please put a tick ☑ as appropriate)*

☐ I am a faculty other than the nominee. ☐ I am a student of the nominee.

Statement in support of the nomination: *(please put a tick ☑ as appropriate)*

☐ A joint statement by all nominators is attached

☐ An individual statement is attached.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Part C**: Acceptance of Nomination

I am pleased to accept the nomination for the Thetos Distinguished Teaching Award and have read the notes in Part E thoroughly.

Name of the Nominee: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Part D**: Endorsement by the Heads of the Academic Department/Division/Unit

Department/Unit: _____

Name of Dept/Unit Head: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

## Part E: Notes on the Award, Nomination Procedures and Selection Process

https://registry.hkust.edu.hk/resource-library/thetos-distinguished-teaching-award

### Background

The Thetos Distinguished Teaching Award (TDTA), established by Thetos Foundation Hong Kong, aims to recognise and encourage teaching excellence among teaching-track faculty at HKUST.

### Two Types of Award

**Distinguished Teaching Award/Early Career Distinguished Teaching Award**

Up to two Awards will be selected annually. Each of the Awards will be named as Thetos Distinguished Teaching Award, in Chinese「賦勵傑出教學獎」.

If an Awardee does not have more than six years of university teaching experience at the University as of the closing date for nomination, the Award will be named as Thetos Early Career Distinguished Teaching Award, in Chinese「賦勵新晉教學人員傑出教學獎」.

Each Awardee will receive a cash prize of HK$25,000, and a project fund of HK$150,000 to support his/her teaching advancement project(s), and support the personal development initiative(s) related to his/her teaching area(s).

### Eligibility

All full-time teaching-track faculty members in employment terms of Lecturer II, Lecturer I and Senior Lecturer, who must have held an appointment at the University for not less than two years as at the closing date for nomination are eligible to be nominated and considered for the Award.

For holders of complimentary titles "Assistant/Associate Professors in [Business /Engineering /Science /Humanities /Social Science /Language /Interdisciplinary] Education", eligible nominees should have accepted such title for not less than one year at the time of nomination.

A teaching-track faculty member who has received the Thetos Distinguished Teaching Award or the Thetos Early Career Distinguished Teaching Award cannot be nominated again in the subsequent five years.

Recipients of the University Grants Committee (UGC) Teaching Award within the past five years from the date of nomination will not be considered.

**(Cont'd Part E: Notes on the Award, Nomination Procedures and Selection Process**

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### Nomination Procedures

The nomination will be open once a year.

The Office of the Provost, led by the Associate Provost (Teaching & Learning), initiates the process by inviting nominations from the Deans of Schools and the Academy of Interdisciplinary Studies (AIS), Heads of Academic Departments/ Divisions including the Center for Language Education (CLE).

The nomination should have the consent of the nominee and be made on the prescribed nomination form.

It must be supported by at least two members of the University community, including at least one faculty other than the nominee, and one student. Nominators may either sign together on one nomination form or separate forms.

A statement explaining why the person is nominated must be submitted jointly by a group of nominators, or separately by each nominator.

The nomination should be endorsed by the respective Heads of Academic Departments / Divisions, including CLE.

The completed nomination form should be submitted to APTL on or before the closing date for nominations.

Upon receipt of the nomination, the nominee will be approached by the Office of the Provost for relevant evidence of excellence in teaching. Additionally, nominees are required to submit a portfolio, which includes a CV and a teaching philosophy statement. A project proposal elaborating teaching advancement and personal development initiatives with a budget of $150,000 to be completed within a two-year timeframe should be provided.

### Selection Committee and Process

An ad-hoc Selection Committee convened by the APTL and comprises five faculty members from each of the four Schools and the AIS shall be set up and be responsible for selecting the Awardees from eligible nominees. The Committee will recommend the Awardees and Honorable Mentions (if any) to the Provost for approval.

The Committee will evaluate a list of information provided by the nominees. The selection criteria shall be based on the nominees' demonstration that they are making a substantial contribution to the University's education mission across the full range of educational activities and that they would be engaged in collective efforts to enhance teaching and learning. More information is available at https://registry.hkust.edu.hk/resource-library/thetos-distinguished-teaching-award-2

**Result Announcement**

Based on the Selection Committee's recommendation, the final list of Awardees will be approved and announced by the Provost. The cash prizes and certificates will be presented around the beginning of Spring Term.

The project funds will be allocated to the Award Winners to start their project initiatives. A final report should be submitted by the Awardees after the two-year timeframe to describe and evaluate the progress in implementing the projects. A financial statement should be included upon the completion of the project.

Awardees are encouraged to disseminate the project outcomes to the University community on a formal occasion (e.g., a workshop/symposium organised by the Center for Education Innovation) upon the completion of the project.

Please submit the completed form and the supporting statement to

*Office of the Provost*
*Room 6331 (via lifts 13-15)*

**Closing date for nominations:**
**Friday, 20 November 2026**