



PennAlumni

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

Alumni Faculty Award of Merit

The Faculty Award of Merit Presented by Penn Alumni was established in 2014 by Penn Alumni and the Office of the Provost. It is presented annually to an individual or group of collaborators that has made an outstanding contribution to alumni education and engagement at Penn by sharing their unique scholarship work with the alumni community. Special emphasis is placed on faculty members who go above and beyond the call of duty by engaging Penn alumni with the University as their intellectual home, and to those who educate the faculty community about the alumni engagement opportunities available to them. The 2024 honoree is André Dombrowski, Ph.D., Frances Shapiro-Weitzenhoffer Associate Professor of 19th Century European Art in the Department of the History of Art.

ELIGIBILITY:

Candidates for the award must be University faculty (see definition under “criteria”), either individuals or groups of collaborators, who have significantly engaged the alumni community and helped to promote awareness of our alumni programming to their fellow faculty colleagues.

CRITERIA:

The primary criterion for the award is to determine a recipient who has made outstanding contributions to lifelong learning and engagement at Penn. Other criteria include:

1. Exceeds the expectations of his/her/their University appointment by engaging with Penn alumni through a variety of educational and enrichment programs and opportunities.
2. Embodies the mission of Penn Alumni to inspire, develop, and maintain alumni interest in and engagement with the University by sharing his/her/their unique scholarship work with the alumni community.
3. Sets a high standard for faculty outreach and engagement within the alumni community.
4. Sustains his/her/their service to Penn Alumni for a minimum of three years. Serves as a University ambassador to the Penn alumni community.
5. Acts as an enthusiastic partner to the Alumni Relations office in engaging the Penn alumni community through planning, marketing, and participation in alumni programs.
6. Faculty member or members must fall under one of these categories, as defined by the Office of the Provost: Standing Faculty, Standing Faculty-Clinician-Educator, Academic Clinician, Practice Faculty, Wistar Institute Appointments, Senior Lecturer, or Emeritus Faculty.

AWARD TIMING:

The deadline to nominate an individual or group of collaborators for the Faculty Award of Merit is February 4, 2025. The award will be presented at the Alumni Award of Merit Gala, Friday, November 7, 2025.



TYPE OF AWARD:

The award shall consist of a formal citation presented by the Penn President at the Alumni Award of Merit Gala.

NOMINATIONS:

Nominations for the award shall be submitted by online form (visit www.alumni.upenn.edu/FacultyAwardofMerit) and may come from any Penn community member (alumni, faculty, and/or staff). Self-nominations are not accepted.