National Astronomy Teaching Summit’s
Ascent Award
Recognizing excellence in teaching astronomy & space science

At the National Astronomy Teaching Summit, an individual is often honored for their widely recognized excellence in teaching astronomy & space science. Effective models of innovative teaching are vitally important in increasing the quantity and quality of astronomy & space science education, and this award honors, recognizes and documents distinguished success in the field.

A subcommittee of each year’s National Astronomy Teaching Summit - Scientific Organizing Program Committee judges the received nominations. A complete nomination requires: (i) the name, affiliation, and full contact information of the nominee, (ii) the name, affiliation, and full contact information of the submitting nominator(s), (iii) a short, suggested 25-word citation, (iv) an extended paragraph of 150-250 words explaining why this individual should receive the award, (v) and at least one additional letter of support for the nomination from students or colleagues, not exceeding five additional letters. Self-nominations are accepted.

Nominations are accepted as attachments by email to ASTRO101Awards@CAPERteam.com each year during between 45 and 120 days before the start of the Summit. Nominations do not carry over from year to year, and nominations must be resubmitted each year. The Summit reserves the right not to make any awards.

Checklist for Nominations:

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