

South Carolina Governor's Professor of the Year Program

History of the Award

Act 629 of 1988 (the "Cutting Edge" legislation) established the Governor's Professor of the Year Award, whereby each public or private institution of higher education in South Carolina can nominate one faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional teaching performance for this award. A committee consisting of representatives of the Governor's office, the Commission on Higher Education, and appropriate civic, business, government, and academic organizations was required to select the winner.

In 1996, the General Assembly amended the legislation to provide for two Professors of the Year, one from a two-year institution and one from a senior institution.

From 1988 through 2012, forty-two faculty members have been selected as Governor's Professors of the Year: twenty from public senior institutions, six from private senior institutions, and sixteen from public two-year institutions. Finalists are chosen based on written nominations, supporting materials, and interviews with the selection committee.