



# Call for Nominations

## WCET Outstanding Work (WOW) Award

WCET members are on the cutting edge in using educational technology tools and practices. WCET's Outstanding Work (WOW) Award recognizes outstanding efforts by member institutions and organizations in applying an innovative, technology-based solution to a challenging educational need.

The award recognizes member achievements and publicizes their accomplishments.

## Eligibility

WCET [members](#) (institutions, organizations, or corporations) in good standing are eligible to be nominated for a WCET Outstanding Work (WOW) award. Look across your campus or organization for successful and innovative works that meet the WCET Outstanding Work criteria. Encourage your colleagues to submit a nomination. Members may nominate themselves for the award.

Institutions or organizations that received the WCET Outstanding Work award in 2016 are not eligible to submit a nomination this year, but they will again be eligible next year. A work nominated last year that did not receive the WCET Outstanding Work award may be updated and resubmitted using the 2017 criteria. See the WCET website for a list of [previous WCET Outstanding Work \(WOW\) award recipients](#).

Eligible works include use of technologies in:

- classroom instruction or in support services that assist students and faculty in meeting their goals, or
- serving students who are on-campus or at a distance, or
- settings that serve many institutions, many students.

## Award Criteria

The WCET Outstanding Work award recognizes outstanding efforts by member institutions and organizations in applying an innovative, technology-based solution to a challenging educational need. **Well-written nominations that directly address each criterion are encouraged for this competitive award.**

1. What is **the educational need** or problem being addressed?
  - 300 word limit suggested. 5 points.
2. What is **the goal** of the nominated work relative to the need or problem addressed in item #1?
  - 250 word limit suggested. 3 points.

3. How has the work made a positive **impact** in addressing the need? Include the measurable outcomes and state why these are significant. If it is too early to measure the impact, what are the metrics of "success" and the intended measurements?
  - 300 word limit suggested. 5 points.
4. What is **creative and/or innovative** in the way that technology, personnel or other resources are used in this work?
  - 250 word limit suggested. 3 points.
5. How will the nominated work be **sustained** (e.g. long term planning around your initiative to address staff, financial, and other resources needs)?
  - 250 word limit suggested. 3 points.
6. Why is this work an important and/or **significant contribution to the field** of technology-enhanced teaching and learning in higher education?
  - 300 word limit. 5 points.
7. Is it a model or approach that could be **workable for others** to address a similar need or problem? Provide some "**lessons learned**" that would help others as they consider adapting your approach for their own institution/organization.
  - 300 word limit suggested. 5 points.
8. Relative to the nominated work, what are you **most proud of**?
  - The committee is interested in your response; however, no points are assigned to this item.
  - 250 word limit suggested.

If applicable, please provide any website URLs related to your nominated work. If this site is password protected, please provide a password the committee can use only for purposes of reviewing your nomination.

## Submission Instructions

Nomination materials must be received by **Wednesday, May 10, 2017 by 5:00 pm MDT**

Submit your nominations as an email attachment to Rosa Calabrese ([rcalabrese@wiche.edu](mailto:rcalabrese@wiche.edu)) with the subject line "WOW Award Submission." You will receive an acknowledgement for every submission as it is received by WCET.

## Awardee Selection

The WOW Awards Committee, comprised of WCET member volunteers, will review all nominations and will select the recipients. The WCET Outstanding Work Awards Committee may grant a maximum of five awards and reserves the right to grant fewer than five awards.

# Awardee Recognition

Recipients of the 2017 WCET Outstanding Work (WOW) Award will:

- Be recognized in a WCET press release.
- Be recognized at the 2017 WCET Annual Meeting, to be held October 25-27, 2017, in Denver, CO. Recognition includes an award presentation during an Awards luncheon, including the presentation of a short video about their project originated by the award recipient. **Those being recognized must pay Annual Meeting registration fees.**
- Be allowed to display the WCET Outstanding Work (WOW) Award logo on their website and printed materials indicating that they have been awarded the 2017 WCET Outstanding Work (WOW) award.
- Be invited to partner with WCET to share information on the work in some manner, for example write a guest blog to WCET's Frontiers, conduct a follow-up video or audio interview, etc.

## Questions

Contact Lindsey Downs, 303-541-0234, [ldowns@wiche.edu](mailto:ldowns@wiche.edu), if you have questions about the process of nominating or the status of nominations, or the suitability of a potential nomination.