**EIE Awards Information Sheet**

The *New Horizons Excellence in Education (EIE) Awards* acknowledge exceptional college work in support of the VCCS mission. The Excellence in Education awards program provides an annual opportunity to showcase, celebrate, and share ideas and innovations across the VCCS that contribute to improving student outcomes and reaching our strategic goals. For 2018, The EIE Awards highlight exceptional work in the areas of: Innovative Teaching and Learning, Integrated Student Support, and Effective Business Processes. Submissions for this award are judged on multiple criteria, including how closely the submissions align with the vision of [*Complete 2021: One Goal. One Future*](http://www.vccs.edu/about/where-we-are-going/)*, the Chancellor’s biennium goals and/or Outcomes-based funding metrics.*

**Categories**

Each college is encouraged to submit their very best work as it aligns with this year’s criteria. While there is no limitation on the number of submissions, each college should be represented in at least one category. Submissions may come from faculty, staff, and/or administrators with the approval of the college executive vice president or president. Within the EIE awards, there are three categories:

* **Innovative Teaching & Learning**

Submissions in this category address innovative and practical ways to enhance classroom effectiveness, improve student outcomes, and create an environment that supports the teacher/student alliance.

* **Integrated Student Support**

Submissions in this category address innovative and practical ways to improve upon the student experience through the intentional design of integrated supports and support networks, addressing personal, soft-skills, and academic supports.

* **Effective Business Processes**

Submissions in this category address innovative and practical ways to improve upon college and VCCS System operations, supporting the achievement of VCCS goals, and our student success.

**Awards**

There will be one college awarded for each category. Each category will be judged separately based on the criteria outlined in the EIE Awards judging rubric. It is possible for an individual college to win in multiple categories based on the quality of the submission(s). Monetary awards will be transferred to each college through the system office and may be used in compliance with state funding guidelines.

* **Innovative Teaching & Learning** – one $3,000 Award
* **Integrated Student Support** – one $3,000 Award
* **Effective Business Processes** – one $3,000 Award

**Submission Process and Requirements**

Each college should complete an EIE Awards submission form (insert link). Be sure to follow form guidelines and complete all required fields. In addition, submissions should come from someone directly involved with the work being nominated. Finalists in each category, will be required to complete additional steps in round two of the EIE Awards judging.

**Timeline**

January 26, 2018 EIE Awards submission form due

February 9, 2018 EIE finalists announced

March 9, 2018 EIE finalists video submissions due

April 12, 2018 EIE winners announced at the Awards Banquet

**Judging Process**

New this year! There will be no poster sessions or onsite judging; however, all finalists will be highlighted during the conference.

Round 1:

* Complete the EIE Awards submission form by January 26, 2018. College president or college executive vice president (if applicable) approval of each submission is required.

Round 2 (finalists only):

* Finalists will be required to submit a brief highlight video for judging by March 9. Specific details will be forthcoming. All or parts of the video submission will be played during the New Horizons conference.
* Finalists need to register for the conference and attend the recognition and awards presentation (April 11 and 12).

**Questions**

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