UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I®
HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INNOVATION AWARD
2025-2026

PURPOSE:
The purpose of the Innovation Award is to recognize:

1. A significant innovation that positively impacts the education of students of the college, and/or positively impacts the College's operations; and
2. The employee(s) who designed and implemented the innovation.

ELIGIBILITY:
Individuals are encouraged to apply for the award or nominate a colleague. Employees from all employee groups (faculty, support staff, administrators) are eligible to receive the award.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:
The major criterion is that the innovation has a positive impact on the students' education process, or positive impact on the operation of the College.

Creativity: The selected innovation will be original or be a unique adaptation of an existing program, process or concept.

Effectiveness: There is evidence that innovation leads to a better process for accomplishing a task.

Timeliness: The innovation will normally not be more than five years old in the institution, but must have been in existence long enough to have been tested. A recent adaptation or expansion of an existing program (older than five years) will meet with criterion.

Value Addition: There is evidence that the innovation is current in content and adaptive to technological application as appropriate.

PROCESS:
Nomination or application may be made by letter or memorandum to the Chancellor and should address the criteria listed above. Selection for the award will be made by a College committee. The deadline to submit nominations to the Chancellor's Office is **March 6, 2026.**

The recipient will be:

- Announced at the Hawai'i CC Annual End of the Year Celebration in early May 2026.
- Awarded with a certificate with a $250 cash award and an allocation for $250 to be used for professional development for the academic period of 2026-2027.
- Recognized in a media announcement distributed by the campus.