

## *Decision Sciences Institute Lifetime Distinguished Educator Award*

**Nominations for this award, which will be presented at the 2026 Annual Meeting, will be accepted until July 15, 2026.** A complete nomination package must be submitted electronically to DSI Executive Director Vivian Landrum ([vivian@decisionsciences.org](mailto:vivian@decisionsciences.org)) by the deadline. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

### Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the award is to recognize Regular and/or Emeritus Members of DSI in good standing for exceptional contributions to undergraduate and masters level teaching and learning in the disciplines of decision sciences during one's career.

### Qualifications

To qualify for the award the nominee:

1. Must have at least 20 years of undergraduate and masters level teaching experience at the college or university level.
2. Must have distinguished herself/himself as a teacher in her/his field, as evidenced by substantive teaching contributions. Typical criteria employed to assess the level of such activity include, for example, innovations in teaching methods, course design, curriculum design, and/or assessment that go beyond usual teaching responsibilities, contributions that improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning of decision sciences disciplines such as pedagogical research articles, books, case studies, teaching briefs, and other teaching materials, presentations, workshops, and/or other dissemination of teaching and learning contributions, sustained, high levels of teaching effectiveness enabling students to achieve academic success, supporting and mentoring students for academic and/or professional growth, and sustained personal professional development as it relates to teaching and student learning.
3. Must be a Regular or Emeritus Member of DSI in good standing with a membership with DSI for the last five consecutive years, or eight of the last ten years, and who has been a leader and contributor to the vision, mission and activities of the Institute. Typical criteria employed to assess the level of such activity include, for example, regional leadership, service to DSI journals, conference leadership, DSI committee involvement, and DSI board membership.

### Nomination Procedures

1. Any Regular or Emeritus member of DSI in good standing may be nominated by any member of DSI.

2. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
3. Nominations from a current member of the DSI Board shall not be accepted.
4. Members appointed to this committee shall not submit nominations during their tenure on the committee.
5. The application packet must include:
  - I. A letter of nomination **not to exceed 4-pages** (single-spaced) that summarizes and provides specific evidence of the nominee's sustained contributions during his/her career in each of the five areas listed in the qualifications for the award.
  - II. The nominee's current curriculum vita with key contributions relevant to the award highlighted.
  - III. At least one letter from a former undergraduate or masters student as to what influence the nominee has had in his/her academic and/or professional growth.
  - IV. If desired, up to three additional letters of support from undergraduate or masters students, alumni, colleagues, or academic administrators if desired.

***Incomplete nomination packets will not be considered. Deadline to submit packet is July 15.***

Recommendations for **DSI Lifetime Distinguished Educator Award** should be sent electronically to DSI Executive Director Vivian Landrum: [vivian@decisionssciences.org](mailto:vivian@decisionssciences.org) with Lifetime Distinguished Educator Award Nomination in the subject line. Acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to the nominator.

Submissions **MUST** be received in the Home Office by midnight CST, July 15, 2026. No late submissions will be accepted.

Questions? Contact Vivian Landrum, [vivian@decisionssciences.org](mailto:vivian@decisionssciences.org) or call 281.552.7469.