

CAFE COOL Award Self Nomination Questions

Below are the questions from the [COOL Award Self Nomination Form](#).

Nominations for the 2027 Wall of COOL are due Oct. 23, 2026.

Contact Information

1. Are you applying on behalf of yourself or as a member of a larger group project?
2. Name
3. Please indicate the “corresponding author” who will serve as the primary point of contact with CAFE.
4. Please list the collaborating members of your group.
5. Department
6. CPP Email

Course/Learning Experience Information

7. Are you submitting a Course or a Non-course Learning Experience?
8. Course and section number to be considered (e.g.: "LIB1000.01")

Eligible courses for the 2027 COOL Awards must have been taught in the 2024-25 or 2025-26 academic years, (Summer and Winter term courses are eligible too). Please do not reapply for a course that has previously been recognized on the COOL Awards website, even if the course has been significantly updated since the award.
9. Semester and Year when course was taught (e.g.: Fall 2025)
10. Course Title (e.g.: "Introduction to Library Research")
11. Non-course Learning experience title (e.g.: “First Year Experience Faculty Repository”)
12. Non-course learning experience term or time frame to be considered (e.g.: Fall 2025)
13. Course/Learning Experience Format (check all that apply)
 - Fully Online, Synchronous
 - Fully Online, Asynchronous
 - Hybrid Synchronous
 - Hybrid Asynchronous
 - Face-to-Face
 - Other

14. We will create a copy of the associated Canvas course as part of our review. Did you use a third-party tool that the selection committee will not be able to access via the course copy?

If yes, please provide screenshots or a video tour showing the tool and how it was used in your course or learning experience. Materials cannot be uploaded through this form; please email them to the email address provided in the supporting documents question below. If you did not use a third-party tool, no supporting material is required.

The "COOL" Stuff

15. Describe what makes your course or learning experience exemplary. Explain how its design and teaching practices support student learning and success. You may include evidence such as student work, feedback, learning outcomes, participation, persistence, or course improvements.
16. Address the COOL Awards criteria. What evidence or observations suggest that these practices support student learning or success?
17. Describe one signature activity, assignment, teaching strategy, design feature, or other aspect of the experience that is especially important to student learning and success. Explain what students do, why you designed it this way, and what students gain from it.
18. Is there any other information about the course, or non-course learning experience, you are nominating that you'd like the selection committee to know?
19. If you have any supporting documents you would like to have considered with your application, please email them to cool@cpp.edu.

The "I know what I'm getting into" Checklist

20. I've visited the COOL Awards website and understand that it is a public recognition website that includes photos and videos of myself, course artifacts, and other materials about my course or non-course learning experience.
21. If selected, I agree to give a brief presentation at a major event this Spring (March/April, day and time TBD).
22. If selected, I agree to be interviewed, photographed, and videotaped for the COOL Awards.
23. If selected, I agree to allow artifacts such as my syllabus, signature assignments, instructional materials, etc., selected by me and CAFE, to be featured on the COOL awards website. I understand that these materials remain MY intellectual property!
24. If selected, I agree to participate in outreach events such as the COOL Awards Speaker Series, PolyCentric or PolyPost articles, and so forth, as I am able.
25. Please enter your initials to serve as your electronic signature.