The Office of Academic Affairs provides the funding for new awards. The specifics of the COM-TIP program were developed through consultation between the Office of Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

I. Awards:

Regardless of the contract length (9-months or 12-months), award recipients will receive a one-time award of $5,000 as soon as practicable and a $5,000 increase to their salary effective at the beginning of the succeeding academic year.

II. Eligibility Criteria:

A faculty member will be considered “eligible” for an award if all the following criteria are met:

1. The faculty member must be on a full-time, 9- or 12-month tenured or tenure-track appointment with the rank of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor; or be a full-time 9- or 12-month employee who is appointed to a rank which is equivalent to professor, associate professor, or assistant professor; or be on a full-time appointment as an instructor or a lecturer; or be on a multi-year non tenure-track appointment. Faculty on visiting (or similar temporary) appointments and faculty on less than full-time appointments are not eligible for these awards.

2. The faculty member must have a substantial teaching commitment at the University through classroom instruction during the past four academic years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17).

3. The faculty member must have not received a TIP award within the last five academic years. Faculty who received a TIP award during the 2012-13 academic year or earlier are eligible for consideration.

III. Productivity Criteria:

An eligible faculty member will be considered a “candidate” for the award if the following teaching productivity criteria are met:

1. Total Credit Hour Productivity (CHP) or total Graduate Hour Productivity (GHP) must be at or above the college, school, department, or unit median for eligible faculty. A unit is defined as any degree granting academic unit not within an established college. CHP and GHP are defined as the sum of classroom, web and media-enhanced credit hours (SCH) generated for the last eight fall and spring semesters (for academic years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17).
2. For CHP, SCH is defined as the total student credit hours (*total* = *undergraduate plus graduate*) from the final end of semester assignment reports. For GHP, SCH is defined as the total student credit hours (*graduate only*) from the final end of semester assignment reports. In either case, SCH excludes student credit hours for individualized instruction such as independent studies, practicums, internships, supervised research, dissertations, and theses. SCH also excludes student credit hours for overload assignments.

3. The total number of candidates for the award in the college is equal to the number of candidates based on CHP criterion plus the number of candidates based on GHP criterion.

**IV. Allocation of Awards to the College:**

1. The funding from the Office of Academic Affairs provides for new COM-TIP awards. For academic year 2017-18, there will be a minimum of 2 awards for the college.

2. The number of new COM-TIP awards will be communicated to the college as soon as these data become available.

3. If the selection committee awards fewer than the number of awards available or if the dean or unit head does not approve an award from the list submitted by the selection committee, then the award(s) shall be retained in college for one additional cycle before it is returned to the overall pool for apportionment.

**V. Criteria for Awards and Process for Selection of Award Winners:**

College committees for the TIP award program shall be elected by and from the full-time faculty. The committee will consist of five members: one member from each department in addition to one nominated by the Dean. One to two College of Medicine student representatives will inform the committee during the review meeting, but will not vote nor define award criteria. Previous TIP award winners will be encouraged to serve on the review committee. Employees who plan to apply for a particular award in the current or immediately following cycle shall not be eligible to serve on the committee. A committee chairperson shall be elected by and from the college committee. The chairperson shall charge the committee that members shall only consider the merits of the application. No additional outside information or discussion of position, e.g., instructor vs. tenure track faculty, past awards, current salary, etc., may be considered.

The committee shall convene twice, once to establish the selection criteria and then again to review the award applications. After their review, the committee shall submit a ranked list of recommended applicants to the dean or dean's representative. In ranking the applicants, committee members shall only consider the merits of the application. Applications that are not deemed acceptable for an award shall be left unranked. For completed applications, departures from the application specifications may impact but shall not disqualify an application.

The committee chair will transmit this ranked list to the dean or dean’s representative. If the selection committee awards fewer than the number of awards available or if the dean does not approve an award from the list submitted by the selection committee, then the award(s) shall be retained in the same college for one additional cycle before it is returned to the overall pool for apportionment.
The president, on recommendation from the provost, will give the final approval for award recipients. After the approval by the president, each college will notify all nominees of the results, including an explanation of the unit's reasons for its recommendations.

VI. Portfolio

Candidates will be asked to prepare a portfolio containing teaching assignments, student evaluations, and other supporting documentation for the past four academic years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17).

The committee shall specify the maximum permissible size of the faculty portfolio.