- Emphasize the broader impact of your work on your field, your institution, and society at large. Highlight any leadership roles you've undertaken, such as serving on committees, organizing conferences, or mentoring students and junior faculty.
- Tailor your application to align with the mission and values of the awarding organization. Show how your work and contributions reflect the award's goals and priorities, demonstrating a strong fit with their objectives. Consider using key words in the award description in your nomination materials.
- Craft your application materials as a compelling narrative that effectively conveys your journey, challenges overcome, and your vision for the future. Engage the reviewers with a well-structured and captivating story that resonates with them on a personal and intellectual level.
- Review your application materials carefully for grammar and formatting. Ensure all documents are submitted on time and that you've followed the award's specific submission guidelines.

Remember that each award may have unique requirements and expectations, so it's essential to adapt your application strategy to the specific award you're pursuing. Tailoring your materials and presenting a strong case for your candidacy will significantly enhance your chances of receiving external honorific awards.

Additionally, consider seeking guidance and feedback from colleagues who have received similar awards or who have experience with the application process. Keep in mind that the competition for external honorific awards can be fierce, so make your application as compelling as possible to increase your chances of success. If you would like guidance or more information about awards in your field, please contact Bailey Benninger at 607-777-6985 or at bbenning@binghamton.edu.