

# Faculty Excellence Award Application Form



Name: Jehan El-Jourbagy

Rank: Assistant Professor

Department: Department of Accounting

Award applying for:

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	Department/Program Excellence Award^
	Irene Rose Community Service Award^
X	Laurie Hendrickson McMillian Faculty Award^

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Dear Dr. Berger,

The J. Whitney Bunting College of Business is honored to nominate Dr. Jehan El-Jourbagy for the Laurie Hendrickson McMillan Faculty Award, and I strongly support this nomination. Jehan is an assistant professor of business law and ethics in the Department of Accounting. She holds a JD from The University of Georgia and BA degrees in Political Science and Journalism, also from UGA.

**Teaching:** Jehan throws herself into her work and stays heavily engaged with her students at Georgia College year-round. In the summer of 2019, she led a group of students on a month-long, three-country study abroad trip. During that time, she accompanied students to ten cities and 20+ sites.

Last spring, she was set to take a group of business students to Panama for a week over spring break before COVID-19. She quickly pivoted and taught the class using a seminar method. This year, while considering the safety of her students, she has been tirelessly planning a study abroad trip to Sweden and Denmark focused on corporate leadership and sustainability. Though the class was supposed to run this summer and she had successfully recruited thirteen students, it was cancelled by the USG due to travel concerns, so she again is pivoting to present similar material during the upcoming winter intersession.

Jehan's courses at Georgia College include Legal Environment of Business and Business Ethics. She also offers an honors option for her business law course and participates in honors dinner seminars and book discussions. In 2020, Jehan was named a USG Chancellor's Learning Scholar, allowing her to engage in meaningful conversations about teaching and learning with small groups of faculty. To that end, she has coordinated monthly meetings with a group of new professors within the College of Business to assist them in improving their teaching here at GC.

In August, she was a national finalist in the Master Teacher Competition hosted by the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, which recognizes excellence in teaching. Her teaching evaluations are consistently above the institution and discipline averages. In the past, students have said:

- “Great course. Can be challenging at times but well worth it. El-J communicates and interacts with students better than most professors.”
- “Professor El is AMAZING!!!! I’m not a business student but she made it a positive experience.”
- “Professor El-Jourbagy was a great professor. She is a very active teacher and keeps everyone engaged in her lectures.”
- “Professor El-Jourbagy . . . is tough on her students, clear with the assignments, and expert in the subject (and many other subjects, too), and she pushes us out of our comfort zones. I have gained knowledge, personal presentation skills, business skills to apply to the real world, and a greater appreciation for Georgia College’s teachers because of this course.”

In addition, her business ethics class often brings in high-profile speakers, and in the fall, she brought Alex Gregory, former CEO of YKK, Joey Shea, sustainability officer for Interface Carpet, and Zach Pousman, CEO of Helpfully to share their expertise with her students. She also facilitates numerous service-learning opportunities for her business ethics students, and last semester, her students volunteered at a hospice, the Office of Sustainability, and numerous other organizations in Milledgeville.

**Research:** In addition to her commitment to her students, Jehan devotes a substantial amount of her time to research. Just in the last year, Jehan has had at least three publications accepted for publication: Combining Business Law with Business Theory: An Experiential Classroom Crossover Activity in the Journal of Legal Studies Education; Creating an Industrial Regulatory Framework for Reducing Plastics in the Berkeley Business Law Journal; and Impact of Corporate Response to Controversial Presidential Statements or Policies on Shareholder Price in the DePaul Business Law Journal. In her three and half years as a tenure-track professor, she has had six works accepted for publication.

Other outlets for her work include presentations at regional and national conferences, civic organizations, and appearances as a radio show guest. In November, she was the program chair of the Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business and coordinated an online conference that included 35 paper presentations and over 60 attendees across the country. This semester, she will be presenting her current research with the College of Business Research Assembly and facilitating a Times Talk and an interview with WRGC in April.

**Service:** As the chair of the Constitution Week Committee, Jehan works with other Georgia College faculty members, staff, and students from across campus to put together a series of events in September addressing a variety of relevant historical and contemporary constitutional questions, referred to as Constitution Week. In 2020, the events were online but attended by hundreds of students and faculty members. One event, the Supreme Court Review Panel, included two attorneys who had argued cases before the United States Supreme Court, including Larry Lessig, a professor at Harvard Law, who argued a case regarding the electoral college, and Thomas Mew, who represented the plaintiff in the landmark case extending employment rights to people who identify as LGBTQ.

Jehan also serves on the College's Strategic Management Committee and on various search committees. Most recently, she served on the Associate Provost and Chair of the Accounting Department search committees. She also works closely with the Office of Leadership as a faculty advisory committee member. Jehan jumps at the opportunity to serve her community. Her current community service includes, but is not limited to chair of the School Governance Team at Washington Park Elementary School, Executive Director of the Monticello Community Band, and community Ultimate Frisbee participant.

### **Summary**

The breadth and depth of Jehan's contributions to Georgia College and our community demonstrate a level of excellence deserving of this award. As the new Dean, I have come to rely on Jehan's wisdom and deep care for students. She epitomizes the teacher-scholar model so critically valued by our public liberal arts culture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Stratton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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