Teaching Award in Medical Sciences

The Division of Medical Sciences (DMSC) provides an annual “Award for Teaching Excellence”.

Purpose

To recognize and reward excellence in teaching in DMSC at UVic.

Award

The award consists of a commemorative plaque, where the name of the winner will be permanently displayed in the lobby of the Medical Sciences Building. The winner will be reimbursed for expenses related to attending an educational conference or for teaching resources, up to $1000.

Eligibility

- Nominees must have completed at least 3 consecutive years of teaching duties at the IMP or the DMS at UVic at the time of their nomination.
- Only full-time UVic faculty members who have been appointed for at least three years in the IMP/DMS will be eligible for this award.
- Faculty must have at least 35 teaching hours/ per academic year with students.
- Special situations and considerations will go to the Committee.
- Previous winners are not eligible to win the award again for 4 years. For example, a faculty member who won the award in 2011 would not be eligible to win again until 2015.

Nomination Procedure

- Nominations may be initiated by faculty, staff or students.
- The nomination must be supported by another faculty member.
- Important things to consider and elaborate on when preparing the nomination:
  - Number of hours spent teaching students and nature of this teaching (laboratory, PBL/CBL small group facilitation, lecturing, conducting a full course, etc.)
  - Contributions to curriculum development (new courses, new programs)
  - Contributions to improving the student experience
  - Innovation in the classroom and/or development of new/innovative resources
  - Quality of letters and comments from students
  - Quality of student evaluations
  - Contribution to the university community (UVic)
  - Involvement on committees (both DMS and UVic)
  - Community outreach and involvement
Supporting Materials

- A covering letter from the nominator
- A Teaching Dossier which will include details of teaching experiences, evidence of effective teaching as well as the following (see the Learning & Teaching Centre for full description of effective teaching dossiers: http://www.ltc.uvic.ca/servicesprograms/teaching_dossier_kit.php
- A list of courses and other types of instruction delivered over the past the 3 academic years
- Number of students taught over the past 3 years
- All student and peer evaluations for courses taught by the nominee in the past 3 academic years
- Letters of support: nominees must have at least 1 letter from a peer, and a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 4 letters from either present or former students. The letter should focus on the teaching ability of the nominee.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will consist of:

- 2 full time faculty members of the Division of Medical Sciences (these members should not be eligible to win the award in that academic year)
- 2 UVic faculty members cross-appointed to the Division of Medical Sciences
- Chair appointed by the Regional Associate Dean/Head, Division of Medical Sciences
- Chair will cast the deciding vote, if a tie exists.

The Selection committee will meet once to review materials and recommend a winner to the Chair.

Deadline for Nominations

February 1 of each year.

Award Presentation

The Teaching Award in Medical Science will be presented at the Learning and Teaching Centre’s annual awards night at UVic.

Nomination forms to be sent to Karen Myers dmsec@uvic.ca.

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