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Teaching Award in Medical Sciences (TAMS)

Terms of Reference

Purpose

To recognize and reward excellence in teaching in the IMP (Preclinical Years) or Division of Medical Sciences (DMSC) at the University of Victoria (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.

Eligibility

- Only UVic faculty (full time or affiliate) members who have been appointed for at least two years in the IMP/DMS will be eligible for this award.
- Nominees must have completed at least two consecutive years of teaching duties at the IMP (for Years 1 or 2 undergraduate medical students) or the DMS at UVic at the time of their nomination.
- Nominees must have at least 35 teaching hours/per academic year with DMS students and/or IMP Years 1 or 2 undergraduate medical students.
- Special situations and considerations will be evaluated by the TAMS committee.
- TAMS Recipients are not eligible for the award for two consecutive years.

Nomination Procedure

- Nominations may be initiated by faculty, staff or students.
- Nomination forms must be sent to the Graduate Program Administrator:
ksebastian@uvic.ca

Nomination Documents to be Submitted by the Nominees:

Abbreviated Teaching Dossier for the past two years.

- This must include the following supporting documents:
 - Number of teaching hours and students taught over the past two years.
 - Student evaluations for courses taught by the nominee in the past two years.
- See the [Learning & Teaching Support and Innovation](#) for full description of effective teaching dossiers
- Teaching dossier (and supporting documents) must be sent to the Graduate Program Administrator.

Reference Letters.

- Nominees must request a total of two (2) letters of support. These can be from either a faculty member and/or present or former students.
- The letter should focus on their teaching ability and may include:
 - Number of hours spent teaching students and nature of this teaching (laboratory, 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
 - Contribution to the university community (UVic)
 - Involvement on committees (both DMS and UVic)
 - Community outreach and involvement
- The reference letter must be submitted directly by the referee to the Graduate Program Administrator.

Selection Committee

The TAMS committee will consist of:

- Committee chair will be a full time UVic faculty member appointed by the Division Head. The Chair is not eligible to receive this award.
- One full time faculty member of the Division of Medical Sciences.
- One UVic affiliate faculty member.
- One UBC affiliate faculty member.
- Winner of award will be invited to serve on the TAMS committee the following year.
- If a committee member is nominated for the Award, the TAMS chair will find a replacement.

TAMS Award Timeline

- Call for nominations sent out the third week of April (two weeks to submit).
- Nominee will have three weeks to submit necessary documentation. It is the responsibility of the Nominee to ensure the two Reference Letters are submitted by the Referees to the Graduate Program Administrator by the deadline.
- TAMS committee will have two weeks to review the nomination packages and determine a recommendation to the Division Head.
 - Winner will be notified shortly afterwards.

Award Presentation

The Teaching Award in Medical Science (TAMS) will be presented at the Learning and Teaching Support and Innovation (LTSI) annual awards night at UVic and the IMP/DMS Seasonal Celebration held annually in December.

For further information, please contact the Graduate Program Administrator ksebastian@uvic.ca or (250) 853-3129.