

## Career Educator Awards

### What are the Awards?

The Department of Medical Education **Early Career Educator** and **Mid-to Late Career Educator Awards** were created to recognize and honor dedication and outstanding teaching/leadership by a member of the Texas A&M University School of Medicine employed/affiliated faculty and staff.

For each award, one faculty/staff member from each of our campuses and sites (10 locations total) will be recognized annually with a plaque and professional development award.

Early Career Educator award = \$1000

Mid-/Late-Career Educator award = \$1200

### Who can be Nominated?

Nominations are welcomed for any faculty or staff member in the Department of Medical Education who meets the following eligibility requirements:

- For the Early Career Educator Award, the nominee must not have been involved in teaching, mentoring, or leadership roles for more than six (6) years.
- For the Mid-to Late-Career Educator Award, the nominee must be involved in teaching, mentoring, or leadership roles for greater than 6 years.
- The nominees for either award cannot have won the award previously.

The **Early Career Educator Award** nominee must be or have been involved in **three or more** of the following activities. The **Mid- to Late Career Educator Award** nominee must be or have been involved in **four or more** of the following activities.

- Teaching formal courses (UME, School of Medicine sponsored or affiliated residency programs, graduate sciences education) or who has done so until the semester in which the packet is submitted.
- Counseling and/or advising UME, GME, or graduate students.
- Directing UME or GME student research.
- Directing graduate student theses and/or dissertations.
- Serving as faculty advisor to student clubs/interest groups and/or activities.
- Developing and/or introducing innovative teaching methods.
- Participating in and/or directing development of new courses or curriculum.
- Participating in curriculum-related committees and/or task forces

### Who can Nominate?

Nominations may be made by any campus or site dean, faculty, staff, student, or student organization in the School of Medicine. Multiple nominations from each campus or site are welcome. We encourage nominations for faculty and staff regardless of degree, area of focus, or appointments, provided that above eligibility requirements are met. We encourage nominations of diverse teaching faculty and staff. The School of Medicine values diversity in its people and programs and strives to foster a diverse, inclusive, equitable, and respectful community.

**Application for the annual Career Educator Awards opens March 15 and closes April 30.**

### **Application Requirements**

**Applications must be complete and submitted no later than 5:00 pm on April 30.** If the application is incomplete, not in the format requested, or not received by the due date, the application will NOT be reviewed. No exceptions.

**Please complete the following information: print neatly or type.**

#### **SECTION I – *Personal Information***

NAME: Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CAMPUS / SITE LOCATION:**

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| _____ Bryan – College Station   | _____ Houston Downtown                                       |
| _____ Central Texas VA – Temple | _____ Houston North (Willowbrook)                            |
| _____ Dallas                    | _____ Round Rock                                             |
| _____ Driscoll (Corpus Christi) | _____ San Antonio Health Systems – 59 <sup>th</sup> MWD/BAMC |
| _____ Fort Cavazos - CRDMAC     | _____ Temple                                                 |

#### **SECTION II – *Nomination Details***

The following documents are required:

- A. Nomination letter from any colleague (faculty or staff), student, or student organization within the School of Medicine.
- B. Philosophy of Teaching, Teaching Methodology, and Teaching Initiative/Innovation (Limit: Two pages): Succinctly describe philosophy on teaching and advising, the rewards of teaching and advising, problems encountered, and improvements made. List courses initiated or developed including date, reason for initiation, and focus of development or innovations. Describe any innovative practices other than course development.
- C. Submit updated CV information using the Biosketch Form available on the Department of Medical Education website.

The Scholarship, Innovations, and Awards Committee will accept additional documentation for the award application in the form of additional letters of recommendation from a campus or site dean, faculty member, students, or student organization in the School of Medicine. Letters of recommendation are not required for application to be complete. Applicant must have a letter of nomination as described under Section II.A.

**Please send nomination form as a single PDF via email to [chico@tamu.edu](mailto:chico@tamu.edu). Receipt of packets will be acknowledged by email. For submission details and requirements see Career Educator Awards webpage.**