AMES Excellence in Teaching Awards

Academy of Medical Education Scholars

To: College of Medicine Faculty and Department Heads

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The AMES Excellence in Teaching Awards will recognize outstanding achievements in education at the College of Medicine. The Academy of Medical Education Scholars (AMES) at the UAizona College of Medicine – Tucson invites your nominations for the 2019-2020 AMES Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Faculty may be nominated for the awards based on excellence in medical education in any of two categories:

1. Criteria for Basic Science Teaching:
   Recipient will be a UAizona College of Medicine faculty member who demonstrates potential for teaching at the post-baccalaureate level including courses offered for medical or graduate students. The successful nominee should have no more than 5 years of total teaching experience at these levels combined. At least 2 of the 5 years must have been spent teaching at the University of Arizona. Teaching at the undergraduate level will not be considered. Two letters of support for the nominee are required that specifically address the nominee's potential for growth in their teaching prowess. Potential for growth should be based on peer knowledge of the nominee's teaching ability and not solely on student evaluations. The nominators can consider innovative teaching as an example of future potential but this is not essential for being considered.

2. Criteria for Clinical Teaching
   Recipient will be a faculty member who demonstrates potential for teaching at the medical student or resident level. The successful nominee should have no more than 5 years of total teaching experience at these levels. At least 2 of the 5 years must have been spent teaching at the University of Arizona and/or affiliated hospitals. Two letters of support for the nominee are required that specifically
address the nominee's potential for growth in their teaching prowess. Potential for growth should be based on peer knowledge of the nominee's teaching ability and not on student evaluations. The nominators can consider unique approaches the nominee may use in their teaching and/or evaluation of medical students in clerkships or of residents.

Please follow these guidelines:

- The deadline for nominations is 12:00 pm, Wednesday, January 8, 2020.
- The primary nominator should indicate clearly which of the two categories above applies to the nomination, and should detail the peer observations on which the nomination is based.
- Up to two letters of support from peers may be provided. A nomination will be strengthened considerably if the primary nomination or a letter of support is provided by the faculty member’s Department Head or Block/Course/Clerkship Director. Inclusion of details and examples from faculty observations of the nominee's teaching will greatly strengthen an application.
- Student evaluations should not be included; these awards are based on peer assessment.

AMES Excellence in Teaching Awardees will be selected by the Academy of Medical Education Scholars, and will be recognized at the Annual Teaching Awards Ceremonies – Friday, February 28th, 12:00 pm, in Duval Auditorium.

Email nominations to Jennifer Cogan at jenc@medadmin.arizona.edu. Contact Allie Min, MD, Chair of AMES, at amin@aemrc.arizona.edu with any questions about this awards program.