



Faculty of Medicine Dentistry and Health Sciences Excellence in Teaching Awards 2009

Guidelines

Introduction

The Excellence in Teaching awards are a way of recognising and rewarding outstanding teaching within the faculty, whether this be on campus, in clinics, in research, in practice or on placements. It is an opportunity to acknowledge those teachers who make a real difference to the learning experience of our students.

In 2006 the UWA Teaching and Learning Committee agreed that the co-ordination of Excellence in Teaching Awards (ETAs) be devolved to faculties. The Faculty of Medicine Dentistry and Health Science Teaching Awards, which have been in place for a number of years, have thus been revised to incorporate the previous UWA Excellence in Teaching Awards, and to bring our Awards process in line with the **Australian Teaching and Learning Council (ALTC)**, so that excellent nominees in the FMDHS awards may then be considered for a Carrick nomination.

There will be a **\$500 prize** for the winner of each category.

The judging panel may choose to award more than one winner in each category.

The FMDHS also hopes to host a celebratory event for nominees.

2009 Categories

The 2009 FMDHS Excellence in Teaching Awards categories are:

1. **a) Individual Teaching within Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (UWA Employees)**

Who can be nominated? UWA lecturers, tutors, etc who are currently teaching undergraduate students in any of the FMDHS disciplines (Podiatry, Health Sciences, Dentistry, and Medicine)

b) Individual Teaching within Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (Non UWA Employees)

Who can be nominated? Non-UWA Teachers such as clinical academics, clinicians, health placement supervisors, and non-clinicians teaching in a variety of setting such as hospitals, general practice, other clinical or practicum environments and rural placements.

2. **a) Small Group Teaching on Campus**

For excellence in teaching in a small group setting. (eg Tutorials)

b) Small Group Teaching in Clinical and/or Practicum Settings

For excellence in teaching in a small group setting. (eg Tutorials)

3. a) Team Teaching on Campus-

This category is aimed at recognising that teaching on campus can often be a collaborative effort where no one individual can be rewarded and where a team approach has been taken in delivery of teaching.

b) Team Teaching in Clinical and/or Practicum Settings

This category is aimed at recognising that teaching in off-campus settings can often be a collaborative effort where no one individual can be rewarded.

4. Early Career Teaching in the Faculty of Medicine Dentistry and Health Science.

Who can be nominated? Teachers who have been teaching for 5 years or less, including upper level students involved in teaching junior students.

5. Postgraduate Coursework Teaching Award

This category is for those involved in teaching students at the postgraduate level in any of the Faculty's disciplines (Podiatry, Health Sciences, Dentistry and Medicine)

6. Research Supervision Award

Given the importance of research within our faculty, excellence in undergraduate and postgraduate research supervision is an important area that deserves recognition.

7. Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

This category is aimed at recognising all staff, which include non teaching staff,, giving outstanding contributions to student learning. Who can be nominated? Academic staff, clinical staff, general staff, sessional staff, and staff from affiliated institutions.

8. Programs that Enhance Learning

This category recognises unique programs and projects that enhance the student curriculum (This replaces our previous faculty "Contribution to the Curriculum" Award). *Who can be nominated?* Academic staff, clinical staff, general staff, sessional staff, and staff from affiliated institutions.

Nominations

Nominations will be welcomed from students and from staff. You can download the nomination form from the FMDHS website: <http://www.meddent.uwa.edu.au/staffnet/learning/awards> or you can pick up a nomination form from the Faculty office.

You may nominate a teacher in more than one category, or you may put forward a nomination without selecting a category, and the panel will consider it for any categories it matches. (eg a teacher may fit the "Individual Teaching", "Early Career" and "Small Group" categories)

Nominations CLOSE on 31st OCTOBER. Any nominations received after this date may be considered for awards in the following year. You can send the nomination form by email, or by post/fax, see the instructions on the form.

Judging Process

Nominees will be asked to submit an application which will be judged by a panel which includes:

- Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning
- Associate Dean of Research
- Medical student representative
- Dental student representative
- Health science student representative
- One teacher/staff mentor based on campus (possibly chair of a year committee)
- A hospital based clinician
- Head of School of Dentistry or Teaching and Learning representative
- Health Science and/or Podiatry representative
- Nominee of Pro Vice Chancellor (Teaching and Learning)
- Representative of CTEC
- Faculty CATLyst

The criteria for selection will be closely aligned to the Australian Teaching and Learning Council (see ALTC website: <http://www.altc.edu.au>) where applicable.

The awards will be judged on submitted evidence of student affirmation such as SPOT, SURF or other validated survey data. For non-UWA based groups this sometimes presents difficulty and flexibility will be shown, evidence such as student letters etc will be accepted.