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The University of Texas Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Academy of Health Science Education ("Academy") is an organization of faculty from the six health science institutions of the UT System with the mission of promoting excellence in health science education. In order to recognize innovation and achievement in health science education, the Academy is seeking applications for its Innovation in Health Science Education Award ("Award"). The Award will recognize an individual (or individuals) who has (have) implemented a project or program with a documented record of innovation and achievement in undergraduate or graduate health science education, encompassing all of the health science disciplines, including educational programs for medical students, medical residents, undergraduate and graduate nursing students, dental students, public health professionals, and allied health professionals. The Award is to recognize outstanding and sustained achievement as a health science educator with documentation of recent innovation and accomplishment in the last five years. Nominations can come from self, from a colleague, from a local teaching academy, etc.

The Award will be presented at the annual Innovations in Health Science Education Conference ("Conference") to be held on February 18-29, 2016 in Austin. Three finalists for the Award will be expected to make 10-minute long presentations at the Conference. Final evaluation and presentation of the Award will take place at the Conference. The grand prize winner will receive $2500. The first runner up and second runner up will receive $1500 and $1000, respectively. THE MONETARY AWARD WILL BE PLACED INTO A DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT ACCESSIBLE AT THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER'S INSTITUTION; THE MONETARY AWARDS WILL BE USED FOR LEGITIMATE EXPENSES TO SUPPORT THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER’S ACADEMIC PURSUITS.

The nomination/application is to include in a SINGLE PDF:
- Name, title, office address, email address and office phone number of nominee
- Description of the program, including unique and innovative aspects (3 pages or less)
- Evidence of achievements and outcomes (5 pages or less)
- Three (3) letters of support (e.g. Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Chair of Graduate Medical Education Committee, Department Chair, Division/Section Chief, colleague in department, etc.)
- NIH SF424R-R Biographical Sketch of the nominee
The criteria to be used in evaluating the nominations are:

**Educational Merit (10 – 50 points)**

**Documentation of the program**
- Clear statement of the problem/need that has been addressed
- Clear goals and objectives of the project/program to meeting the need/problem

**Design of the project/program**
- Design is appropriate to the goals and objects to meeting the need/problem
- The design is clear as an improvement/advancement; the design is clearly described in the project/program
- The design uses sound methods of data collection and analysis

**Relevance (4 – 20 points)**
- Evidence of improvement in the teaching and learning environment; outcomes assessment
- Evidence of dissemination of product/results of the project/program at the institution and elsewhere; potential to apply product/results of the project/program to other educational settings/venues; publications/presentation that resulted from project/program; plan for future continuation/development/growth of the project

**Innovation (2-10 points)**
- The overall innovative aspects of the project/program

**Presentation at the Conference (2 – 20 points)**
- Effective communication of the rationale, objectives, and outcomes of the project
- Clear presentation of convincing evidence that the project has improved the teaching and learning environment

The applications will be reviewed by the Awards Committee and the three awardees will be selected by the Academy members present at the annual Conference. Selection of finalists/winners of grand prize, first runner up and second runner up by the Awards Committee will be final.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** October 9, 2015 at 5pm

**PEER REVIEW PROCESS:** October 12, 2015-December 4, 2015

**NOTIFICATION OF 3 FINALISTS:** on (or around) December 19, 2015

**SELECTION OF GRAND PRIZE WINNER, FIRST RUNNER UP and SECOND RUNNER UP:** after presentation at Conference Feb 18-19, 2016 in Austin.

Only applications submitted electronically will be accepted for consideration for the Award. ALL applications materials including letters of support must be submitted in a single ADOBE pdf format. Submit the application packet electronically by October 9, 2015 at 5pm to:

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