

**Innovation in Health Science Education Award**  
**Request for Nominations/Applications**  
**Strict Submission Deadline September 7, 2010 at 5pm**

Sponsored by:

The University of Texas Academy of Health Science Education  
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The University of Texas (UT) Academy of Health Science Education is an organization of faculty from the six health 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 UT Academy is seeking nominations/applications for its *Innovation in Health Science Education 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.

The Award will be presented at the annual Innovations in Health Science Education Conference to be held in Austin on February 3-4, 2011. 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. First place winner will receive a monetary award of \$7,500 second place \$5,000, and third place \$2,500. **THE MONETARY AWARD WILL BE PLACED INTO DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNTS ACCESSIBLE AT THE FINALIST'S INSTITUTION; THE MONETARY AWARDS WILL BE USED FOR LEGITIMATE EXPENSES TO SUPPORT THE FINALIST'S ACADEMIC PURSUITS.**

**The nomination/application is to include:**

- Name, Title, Address of Nominee
- Description of the Program, including unique and innovative aspects (3 pages or less)
- Evidence of Achievements and Outcomes (5 pages or less)
- Letters of Support including from the Chair of the Curriculum Committee or Graduate Medical Education Committee, or equivalent
- NIH-style Biographical Sketch of Nominee

The criteria to be used in evaluating the nominations are:

**Educational Merit (0 – 60 points)**

**Documentation of the program**

- Clear statement of the problem/need that has been addressed
- Brief discussion of major literature related to the problem/need
- Clear objectives used to meet the need

**Appropriate design/plan of work to meet/fulfill objectives**

- Design clearly described as an improvement/advance
- Accomplishments in meeting objectives
- Includes scientifically sound sources of data and methods of analysis

**Relevance (0 – 20 points)**

- Evidence of improvement in the teaching and learning environment; outcomes assessment
- Evidence of dissemination of the product/results of the project at the institution and elsewhere
- Publications stemming from the program

**Presentation (0 – 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 awardees will be selected by the UT Health Science Education Academy members during the annual Conference.

**Only applications submitted electronically will be accepted for consideration for the Award. ALL applications materials including letters of reference must be submitted in ADOBE pdf format. Submit the application packet by September 7, 2010 electronically to:**

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