

## The University of Texas System Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Academy of Health Science Education

### **Membership Information:**

The University of Texas System (UTS) Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Academy of Health Science Education (the Shine Academy) was formed as both a 'working' service academy and an 'honorific' body that recognizes and utilizes faculty excellence in UTS health science education to serve UTS in all aspects of health science education, educational scholarship, and leadership. The Academy seeks diverse membership representing the many disciplines contributing to health science education.

**Each of the UT Health Science institutions will coordinate its own system to identify up to four nominees annually to apply for Academy membership.**

On behalf of the Academy Membership Committee, applications for membership from nominees will be accepted (electronically) until close of business on **August 18, 2025 (Monday)**. No more than 4 applications will be accepted from any UTS institution. Previously unsuccessful candidates, if selected again by the home institution, may reapply.

### **Membership Criteria:**

Membership in the Academy is based on the Shine Academy's mission as stated in the Bylaws. The annual nomination, application, election, and induction of new members will proceed as follows.

The criteria for membership in the Academy are based on excellence in one or more of the following categories of education:

- 1) Direct teaching.
- 2) Curriculum development and instructional design or re-design.
- 3) Assessment of learner performance.
- 4) Mentoring and counseling.
- 5) Educational administration and leadership.
- 6) Educational scholarship and research.

Every application for membership submitted by an officially nominated candidate will include:

- 1) Completed candidate for membership form (attached)
- 2) A 5-page NIH-equivalent **Curriculum Vitae** (Do NOT submit a full CV. Only include service or research accomplishments when relevant to education, and explain relevance)
- 3) **Three (3) letters of support**, as follows:
  - One (1) official letter of nomination (include examples of the candidate's educational expertise)
  - One (1) peer letter of support (include details about the candidate's educational expertise. Can be from faculty at the home or other institutions)
  - One (1) learner letter of support (explain how the learner benefited from the educational expertise of the candidate)

Attached is a copy of the Application for Membership Form that must be submitted to the home institution. Please open the file, save it to your computer, and complete it. **Your application packet should include, IN THIS ORDER: Application; NIH 5-page CV; nomination letter; and two letters of support.**  
**Please submit the materials in one PDF to the home institution.**

**Selection Process:**

Committee members will review and rank completed applications for membership in the Academy and use specific selection criteria to select a maximum number of new members that is equal to twice the number of UTS institutions with one or more component health science schools. (Each candidate is reviewed by no fewer than 4 Academy members.)

The selection criteria include:

- 1) Quantity, quality, breadth, and variety of educational contributions.
- 2) Innovation of educational contributions as measured by outcomes.
- 3) Regional, national, and international reputation as an educator.
- 4) Length of time at the University of Texas System (UTS) health science center(s) with active involvement in educational efforts.

The Membership Committee provides a slate of the top-ranked applications at the Academy's Fall business meeting, and the slate is then sent to the Academy Membership for approval of new members. After approval, each new member and the Office of the President at each University of Texas health science institution will be notified. The new member induction will be coordinated with the Academy's Spring Innovations in Health Science Education Conference held annually in February. Details of the conference dates will be available in the future on the Academy website, <https://www.utsystem.edu/sites/kenneth-shine-academy/shine-academy>.

Membership in a UT institutional teaching academy does not guarantee membership nor confer automatic membership in this Academy.

Academy membership not only honors members for their outstanding past commitment to educational excellence, but it also trusts that each member will participate actively in achieving its service goals.

If you have any questions about Academy membership, please do not hesitate to contact us. We seek members who are outstanding leaders in education and whose participation will help the Academy promote educational excellence throughout the UTS and beyond.

For questions, email: [beth.nelson@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:beth.nelson@austin.utexas.edu) with Shine Application in the subject line.

**Candidate for Membership Form: The University of Texas System  
Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Academy of Health Science Education**

**Due August 18, 2025 (Monday)**

**(To be completed by applicant and  
sent electronically to the home institution)**

<b>1. Name and email address:</b> First, middle initial, LAST; Email	
<b>2. Title and affiliation:</b>	
<b>3. Nominating individual:</b> Name, title, affiliation, and relationship to nominee. A letter of nomination from the sponsor must be submitted with this application.	
<b>4. Current direct teaching responsibilities:</b> Briefly describe your activities (limit 100 words)	
<b>5. Commitment to the UT Academy:</b> Your intended contributions to the UT Academy and The University of Texas as an Academy member. Please review the committee descriptions in the bylaws of the Academy and indicate in which committee you wish to participate and what you will do on this committee (limit 300 words) <a href="https://www.utsystem.edu/sites/default/files/sites/shine-academy/files/shine-academy-Bylaws-March-2022-final.pdf">https://www.utsystem.edu/sites/default/files/sites/shine-academy/files/shine-academy-Bylaws-March-2022-final.pdf</a>	
<b>6. Direct teaching: Major accomplishments as a teacher:</b> Describe your activities (up to 5 items, limit 100 words per item.)	
<b>7. Personal statement:</b> Provide a discussion of your educational philosophy, e.g., why you teach, how you teach, professional development efforts in education, i.e., how you learned and continue to learn to teach (limit 500 words).	

<p><b>8. Mentoring and Counseling:</b> List up to 5 activities and/or publications co-authored with students and/or trainees that demonstrate mentoring and counseling with description of your role.</p>	
<p><b>9. Curriculum development and instructional design:</b> Describe <u>major</u> accomplishments in <u>curriculum development and instructional design</u>. List up to 5 items, ~100 words per item.</p>	
<p><b>10. Education administration and leadership:</b> Describe <u>major</u> accomplishments in education administration and leadership. List up to a maximum of 5 items, 200 words per item.</p>	
<p><b>11. Education scholarship and educational research:</b> List up to 10 publications in education and other educational material, e.g., videos, online instruction, textbook chapters, workshops, seminars, etc., with one (1) brief sentence explanation of your educational role.</p>	
<p><b>12a. Peer providing supporting letter (1):</b> Name, title, affiliation, and relationship to nominee; “Peer” includes faculty at your own and other institutions, etc., with similar educational responsibilities. The letter of support must be submitted with this application.</p>	
<p><b>12b. Learner providing supporting letter (1):</b> Name, title, affiliation, and relationship to nominee; “Learner” includes undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students, fellows, faculty, etc. The letter of support must be submitted with this application.</p>	