

IAMSE Awards Program to Promote Teaching Excellence and Educational Scholarship in the Medical Sciences

Overview

IAMSE confers three prestigious awards to recognize and promote teaching excellence and educational scholarship in the medical sciences. All IAMSE members should read carefully the complete descriptions of these award programs before submitting nomination packets. Questions and comments should be directed to Dr. Joseph Stein, Chair, IAMSE Educational Scholarship Committee, at steinj@upstate.edu.

Outstanding Presentation Awards

The *Outstanding Presentation Awards* recognize the most outstanding medical education peer-reviewed oral and poster presentation at the IAMSE annual meeting. First authors must be IAMSE members in good standing. Using a multi-phased, peer review process and established educational scholarship criteria, finalists are identified from the accepted presentation proposals. Finalist presentations are recognized during the meeting. During the conference, peer-reviewers observe and assess finalists' presentations, both oral and poster format, based on educational scholarship and effective presentation criteria. The award presentation is announced at the final conference session. The first author/presenter receives a plaque, a one-year IAMSE Membership, and access to the IAMSE WebCast Audio-Seminars. Co-authors are also recognized and receive certificates.

Early Career Award for Excellence in Teaching and Innovation

This annual award honors an IAMSE member who has made significant innovations to the field in the short time they have focused their careers toward enhancing teaching, learning and assessment. Candidates for this award will be Assistant Professor or equivalent rank, or have demonstrated less than 10 years of educational scholarship. An award recipient will have a record of excellence in teaching at his/her institution and possess a record of engagement within IAMSE. It is recognized that, while the successful nominee will have a proven track record of innovating and helping advance the art of teaching, s/he may not yet have achieved significant accomplishments in scholarship. Nominations of members who have been active teachers (e.g., presenters and facilitators) at the annual IAMSE meetings are particularly encouraged. IAMSE members may self-nominate or be nominated by another IAMSE member. The Educational Scholarship Committee reviews all nominations and supporting documentation based on established criteria and selects finalists. Final approval of each award recipient rests with the IAMSE Board of Directors.

Nomination packets should include:

- three letters of support.
- a curriculum vitae
- a list of teaching activities at their institution and at IAMSE
- documentation of teaching accomplishments, which may include any of the following:
 - student evaluations
 - the number and nature of teaching awards, including who voted on the award (student, peers, etc.)
 - peer evaluation of teaching quality
 - evaluations of IAMSE sessions by members
- documentation of innovations in the other four categories of educator activities (curriculum, mentoring and/or advising, education leadership or administration, and learner assessment), as defined by the Association of American Medical Colleges¹, which may include:
 - evaluations of a longitudinal set of systematically designed and sequenced activities
 - outcomes of developmental relationships where a mentored protégé has accomplished goals
 - descriptions of educational leadership activities that include project goals and durations
 - learner assessment measures including number of items, frequency of use, and reliability measures

¹ Simpson D *et al.* Advancing educators and education by defining the components and evidence associated with educational scholarship. *Med Educ.* **2007** Oct;41(10):1002-9.

Distinguished Career Award for Excellence in Teaching and Educational Scholarship

This award recognizes an IAMSE member who has a distinguished record of educational scholarship, including educational research and dissemination of scholarly approaches to teaching and education. Candidates should be Professor, Associate Professor, or equivalent rank, or have demonstrated greater than 10 years of educational scholarship. Additionally, candidates must have a significant record of engagement within IAMSE. Award recipients are selected based on the impact, ingenuity, and longevity of educational scholarship and their records of publications, presentations, and other forms of dissemination of educational scholarship. IAMSE members may self-nominate or be nominated by another IAMSE member. The Educational Scholarship Committee reviews all nominations and supporting documentation based on established criteria and selects finalists. Final approval of each award recipient rests with the IAMSE Board of Directors. A finalist who does not win the award will be automatically reconsidered the next year, if they agree and update their nomination file.

Nomination packets must include:

- curriculum vitae
- three letters of support
- record of involvement within IAMSE
- documentation of a substantial record of achievement across the five categories of educator activities (teaching, curriculum, mentoring and/or advising, education leadership or administration, and learner assessment), as defined by the Association of American Medical Colleges², which may include:
 - record of learning exercises in peer-reviewed journals or repositories
 - record of invitations to present teaching or academic leadership activities at national and international meetings
 - reports of curricular developments that have been peer-reviewed by experts in the field
 - list of publications, presentations, and awards for projects conducted with learners
 - resources, such as grants, garnered from educational leadership activities
 - publications or presentations demonstrating assessment strategies based upon best practices

Award Implementation Timelines

A general timeline for the implementation of the Early and Distinguished Career Award nomination/application and review/selection process is shown below. Deadlines, instructions, forms, and up-to-date program descriptions are available on the IAMSE website.

Early and Distinguished Career Awards

General Timeline for Annual Implementation

<u>TIME PERIOD</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
January	Call for nominations via email distribution
January-February	Nominations received
February 28	Deadline for receipt of nominations
February– March	Awards committee reviews nominations
March 30	Deadline for recommendation of awardees to Board of Directors
April	Board of Directors approves award recipients IAMSE President informs award recipients
June	Presentation of awards to recipients at annual meeting

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