

# W. T. AIKINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COURSE/PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & COORDINATION

## ELIGIBILITY

Any faculty member or group of faculty members in the Temerty Faculty of Medicine, with a **minimum of 10 years since the initial faculty appointment at Temerty Medicine**, who have engaged in developing and implementing the MD Program curriculum (course/component/theme) is eligible.

**Please note** that curriculum outside of the MD Program will not be considered.

## CRITERIA

The following criteria will be considered in the review of nominees:

- 1) **Nominee(s):**
  - a) commitment and enthusiasm to excellence in curriculum development and coordination
  - b) accessibility to students and staff
  - c) excellence in teaching as evidenced by consistent, above-average student testimonials and course/component/theme evaluations
  
- 2) **Design and implementation:**
  - a) the course is well organized, and the resources are appropriate
  - b) integrated appropriately with other courses and programs
  - c) originality and experimentation in course / program design
  - d) presentation of subject matter to stimulate learning
  - e) evidence of the meaningful integration of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility
  
- 3) **Quality improvement and evaluation:**
  - a) established process of curricular review and updates, i.e., what is the curricular review process, when was it last reviewed, who was part of this process, and how often is it completed.
  - b) data-driven assessment practices.
  - c) regular course / program evaluations. Formal student evaluations and other reviews of the course / program for a minimum of **3 years** are required in consideration for this award.
  - d) appropriate changes of course / program based on evaluation, feedback, and reflection

Letters that are the most helpful to the committee address the criteria for the award and present evidence supporting the nominee's excellence in those criteria.