

W. T. AIKINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INDIVIDUAL TEACHING PERFORMANCE IN FOUNDATIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Any faculty member that has held a faculty appointment with the Temerty Faculty of Medicine for a minimum of 10 years, who teaches or taught students in the Foundations part of the undergraduate medical education program (lectures, laboratories, seminars, workshops, tutorials, portfolio, or, in clinical skills) is eligible for nomination for their teaching performance in the undergraduate medical MD (medical) Program.

Please note that teaching performance in other programs – for example Arts and Science, graduate, or post-graduate medical programs – will not be considered for the W. T. Aikins award.

CRITERIA

The following will be considered in reviewing each nominee:

- 1) **Commitment:**
 - a) quantity of teaching. Summary data from **3 years** of formal student evaluations are required in consideration for this award
 - b) accessibility to students
 - c) evidence of self-development in teaching methods (e.g., course attended)
 - d) research and publications on teaching methods
 - e) continual learning and engagement to further the integration of equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility-related considerations in post-secondary education and practices
- 2) **Excellence in communication skills**
- 3) **Subject mastery**
- 4) **Ability to organize material, emphasize principles, and present**
- 5) **Demonstrated ability to stimulate students:**
 - a) encourages interest in and enthusiasm for subject
 - b) displays good rapport with students
 - c) leads students to think critically, analytically and independently, and to organize their own learning
- 6) **Effective use of appropriate teaching resources and educational innovations**

7) Innovative, creative and experimental teaching methods

8) Contribution as a suitable role model

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