2022 Kingston Award for Excellence in Teaching

Request for Nominations

The Kingston Award was established in recognition of Richard “Dick” Kingston’s creativity and innovation in education. The award consists of an individual plaque and medal, the addition of the recipient’s name to a master plaque, and a monetary award. This award initially (1984) was instituted as a means for the College to recognize, reward, and encourage innovation in the classroom, laboratory, and clinic.

The Dick Kingston Award was originally developed to recognize a creative, innovative, original teaching project or “product” that directly supports the academic focus of the College of Health Sciences (CHS) and has been shown to be directly beneficial to CHS students. In 1991 the focus of the Kingston Award was broadened to also recognize outstanding contributions and/or long term consistent excellence in teaching.

Thus, the award recognizes “excellence in teaching” in two broad categories:

Category 1: Creative or innovative teaching procedure or project.

Category 2: Long term consistent excellence (3+ years) in didactic, laboratory, and other educational forums (such as student advising) and/or outstanding, long-standing contribution to the College’s educational program.

The guidelines for nomination of faculty candidates and the final selection for the Kingston Award for Excellence in Teaching are as follows:

1. A selection committee will be charged with observing the stated guidelines when reviewing nominations for the award.

2. The committee will base their selection upon careful review of the documentation provided. The exact items to submit to the committee depends on which award category the faculty member is being nominated for. The items to submit will include some combination of the following:
   • Department Chair or student recommendations (through letters of support).
   • Description of the activity being considered (this may include samples of the activity or product).
   • Appropriate forms of evaluation (e.g. letters from students, alumni, community beneficiaries, or colleagues; teaching evaluations; self-evaluations).
   • Nominee’s CV.
   • Additional materials as appropriate (e.g. if nominated for excellence in teaching, a list of courses taught from teaching portfolio, teaching evaluations).
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Guidelines for Nominee Portfolio Development

Full-time faculty may nominate an individual for the Kingston Award for Excellence in Teaching. Self-nominations are accepted. Nominees must be full-time members of the CHS faculty. When an individual is nominated for the Kingston Award, the person submitting the nomination should indicate whether the person is being nominated for (1) a creative/innovative teaching procedure or project, or (2) long term consistent excellence (3+ years) in didactic, laboratory, and other educational forums (such as student advising) and/or outstanding, long-standing contribution to the College’s educational program.

The Committee will base their recommendations on careful review of the documentation. The documentation for nominations in either category will be assembled by the nominee. For both categories, please include the following:

1. Nominee’s updated and current CV.
2. Letters of support which address the category for which the person is being nominated. These letters may include the following: Department Chair, Program Director, colleagues (2 maximum), and/or student (three maximum). The Chair of the Kingston Committee will work with the nominator and the program chair to request these (added in Jan/2001).

If the nomination is for **Category 1**, the following additional documentation must be included:

1. A description of the project or procedure. This description should be thorough and include a sample or example of the project, if appropriate.
2. Evidence of how this innovation has positively impacted the educational mission of the program. This may include outcome measures, student evaluations, or letters (no more than 4) from students and/or faculty colleagues about the usefulness and innovative components of the project.

If the nomination is for **Category 2**, the following additional documentation must be included:

1. Teaching portfolio (representative of the last 1-2 years).
2. Teaching evaluations (representative of the last 1-2 years).
3. Examples of creative/innovative approaches if applicable, with outcomes.

If the individual is being nominated for both categories, then the nominee will submit all 7 forms of documentation listed above.

In order to provide equity to the portfolio review process, the committee requests that the stipulated guidelines be respected and followed as closely as possible.

Nomination materials must be assembled into a single PDF file, with items ordered as listed above for each category, beginning with the nominee’s CV and their letters of support.

All nominations must be made no later than C.O.B on **April 1, 2022** and emailed to the Kingston Award Committee Chair.

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