

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FACULTY OF MEDICINE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING: MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

An award has been created to acknowledge excellence in education among our Masters of Physician Assistant Studies faculty members, and to encourage their continued efforts in education:

- The Faculty of Medicine Award for Excellence in Teaching – Master of Physician Assistant Studies Award

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations will be considered for Masters of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program of the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University at any stage of their career.

Faculty members who have been nominated will be retained on file for an additional 2 years for reconsideration

NOMINATION PROCESS

The following documentation is required when making a nomination:

1. A letter of nomination, no longer than two pages. This letter should provide details of the nominee's professional development record, as well as the following:
 - Describe in detail the nominee's accomplishments in education including teaching accomplishments, course development, educational innovations, new technology, student evaluation, presentations of publication and research in education.
 - Recognize the nominee's contributions to education at the program, faculty, institutional and national levels.
2. Up to two additional letters of support may be provided, one of which may be from an MPAS student.
3. An abbreviated CV (not longer than two pages) providing details of the nominee's career development.

*Full length CVs will not be considered; please do **not** include them with the nomination packages. Please note that applications must be complete to be considered.*

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Faculty Awards Committee will select the recipient. Nominations will be considered according to the following criteria:

- Sustained teaching contributions in the Masters of Physician Assistant Studies program including course-based teaching and/or precepting;
- Significant contribution to course development, implementation and evaluation;
- Development of educational innovations, which may include new technology;
- Contributions to the field of physician assistant studies through presentations and/or publications and research in education; participation in professional development in education; and
- Overall contributions to education at the program, faculty, institutional and national levels.

Individuals may only submit one nomination per year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recipients will be notified by May 1, 2026, and announced publicly at the Faculty of Medicine Annual Faculty Meeting in June 2026.

DEADLINE

Nomination packages should have all documents combined into one PDF file. Please submit your nomination [here](#), no later than **March 11, 2026**.

Late and incomplete submissions will not be considered

PAST RECIPIENTS

New award for 2026