Department of Medicine

Research Excellence Awards - Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor

GUIDELINES

Deadline: September 30 at noon | Completed Nominations to DoMResearch@nshealth.ca

PURPOSE:
The Department of Medicine (DoM) distributes awards to members within the Department who have demonstrated excellence in research in the previous three years. The main purpose of these awards is to honor and publicly recognize the members' research achievements. Presentation of these awards also aims to encourage research involvement amongst Department members.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
Awards are presented for achievement to members whose primary appointment is in the Department of Medicine. Individuals in one of three groups determined by the individual's academic rank (lecturer/assistant professor; associate professor; full professor) are eligible for nomination. Ordinarily individuals would receive an award no more than once in their career for each academic group. The amount of protected time for research, as indicated in the member's practice profile, will be taken into account during the adjudication process. Special consideration will be given for members in the first three years following their initial academic appointment.

NUMBER OF AWARDS:
A maximum of three awards may be given annually. Consideration of awards will be given on an annual basis; however, depending on the merit of the nomination(s), they will not necessarily be given every year. These awards will usually be presented at a DoM research event in the fall of each year.

NOMINATION PROCESS:
Any department member may nominate potential candidates. It is expected that most nominations will come from Division Heads. The Department Head may nominate Division Heads.

To nominate an individual, please submit an electronic copy of the following to DoMResearch@nshealth.ca:

- A covering letter justifying the nomination. This letter should highlight the candidate's contributions and achievements to research in the DoM, referencing the benchmarks on page 2. The letter must indicate the applicable category (Lecturer/Assistant, Associate, or full Professor) and the member's research FTE.
- A copy of the candidate's CV (any format), indicating the candidate's involvement in publications, presentations, etc.

NOMINATION DEADLINE:
Nominations must be submitted no later than September 30 at noon (Atlantic Time). Incomplete or late nominations will not be considered.

AWARD REVIEW PROCESS:
All nominations will be reviewed by the DoM Research Committee using the criteria on page 2 to guide the decision. Fulfilling minimal nomination criteria will not necessarily result in the receipt of an award.

CRITERIA TO GUIDE ADJUDICATION OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The following benchmarks, in addition to the amount of protected time that an individual member has for research, will be used in considering an individual for a DoM Research Excellence Award.

- Contribution to research within the DoM;
- Acting as a mentor and actively participating in research programs at Dalhousie/NSHA;
- Supervising residents, fellows, medical students or others in research activities;
- Presentations at national or international meetings (particularly as first or senior author);
- Publications in moderate to high impact peer-reviewed journals (particularly as first or senior author);
- Knowledge Translation productivity (e.g. stakeholder engagement, contribution to reports, health promotion, online presence);
- Publications in lay media or non-peer-reviewed journals;
- Holding external and/or internal peer reviewed grant(s) as PI or co-PI;
- Holding external salary support;
- Membership on a steering committee of national or international clinical trial(s); and
- Membership on a departmental, faculty, provincial, national or international peer review committee.