Butland Award for Sustained Teaching Excellence

Description

The Butland Award for **Sustained Teaching Excellence** recognises and rewards a **long-term**, **consistent or broad contribution to teaching excellence** at the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. Any teacher employed by the Faculty for at least a 0.5 FTE proportional contract is eligible to apply for this award. Previous award winners will be ineligible for re-nomination in the same category for six years.

The value of the award is $2,000 which may be used for the purpose of further developing the awardee’s academic interests and career via conferences, etc.

Award Subcommittee

The award will be made by the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences on the advice of a subcommittee which will include the Chair, FMHS Education Committee; an undergraduate student representative; a postgraduate student representative; and representatives from the Schools in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and Te Kupenga Hauora Māori.

Method of Application

Potential recipients of this award must be nominated by two people. At least one nominator must be a member of the academic staff of the Faculty; the second nominator may be a current or former student of the nominee (taught by the nominee in the past 5 years).

In making its recommendation the subcommittee will look for evidence of sustained teaching excellence at the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

Evidence of sustained teaching excellence is to be provided in the nominee’s teaching portfolio. The portfolio should not be more than 6,000 words (i.e. approximately 12 pages of single-spaced text) and text should be no smaller than 12-point. The two one-page statements from the nominators are not included, but all other supporting material is. Guidance related to the portfolio may be drawn from page three of the **University awards policy**.

The portfolio should contain material pertaining to:

- Past and current teaching activities which form the basis for the nomination
- Interest and enthusiasm in the subject(s) taught, for teaching and for promoting student learning
- Ability to arouse and sustain students’ curiosity and interest in the subject area(s)
- Contributions to the development of good teaching practices in the Faculty
- Information on innovation in teaching and responses of students and others to the innovation
- Student and peer feedback on teaching

_Nominations may be accompanied by University course or lecturer evaluations (summarised) or other independent evaluations, by course guides or any other supporting material._ (Note: such material must be included within the page limits of the portfolio.)

Nomination Form

Nominees for this award will have shown sustained excellence over a period of at least six years of teaching, the majority of which will have been in the Faculty.

**Remember:** All nominations must include evidence of exceptional contribution (see above). Applications should be sent to the FMHS Executive Assistant ([assistant-assocdeans@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:assistant-assocdeans@auckland.ac.nz)) and should be submitted as one pdf document.

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Nominee:
Name: ______________________________________________________
Department: ______________________________________________________
Date of first appointment to UoA as a university teacher (at 0.5 FTE or greater): _________
Previous award winner in the same category: Yes ____ No ____  If yes, year _______
Signature: ________________________________________ Date: ____________________

Nominator 1: (Academic staff member)
Name: ______________________________________________________
School: ______________________________________________________
Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ____________________

Nominator 2: (Academic staff member or student)
Name: ______________________________________________________
School (if staff member): ______________________________________________________
School/Programme (if student): ________________________________________________
Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ____________________

Head of Department/School
Name: ______________________________________________________
Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ____________________

Teaching portfolio word count (excluding the nomination letters)

Applications may be made by an individual member of academic staff or by any member of Faculty on behalf of a member of staff, and must include this nomination form and a statement from the nominator(s) outlining the reasons for their support (maximum one page) together with evidence (see method of application).

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