

University of Florida College of Dentistry Spotlight on Dental Education Program

The University of Florida College of Dentistry's Office of Education in conjunction with the Office of Faculty Affairs is happy to announce continued support for the **Spotlight on Dental Education Program** to recognize and reward educational excellence in the College of Dentistry. The purpose of the Spotlight on Dental Education Program is to honor and celebrate faculty who have demonstrated teaching excellence in the College of Dentistry, in conjunction with the Teacher of the Year awards. The Spotlight on Dental Education Program has two award categories: **Exemplary Teaching** and **Sustained Exemplary Teaching**.

Eligible faculty may be nominated by their department chairperson or peer and will participate in a college-wide competition for recognition. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Faculty can only be nominated for one award category within a given award cycle. Department chairpersons and any faculty who participate in the selection process at any level are not eligible for these awards. For both awards, complete nomination packets received by the application deadline will be reviewed by the Spotlight on Dental Education Program Selection Committee. Incomplete and late applications will not be reviewed

Complete nomination packets must be received by November 15, 2017 to the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs (swallet@dental.ufl.edu) Awards will be made in the Spring semester.

Exemplary Teaching Awards: This award recognizes outstanding teaching performance in the College of Dentistry, for faculty with teaching assignments in the three semesters prior to the award period. Each department may nominate any number of faculty for this award, however, the maximum number of awards from a department will be based on the department's assigned teaching in the DMD program and will be announced annually. Any given faculty member can only receive this award three times after which they are no longer eligible.

Exemplary Teaching Awardees will receive a certificate and a lapel pin, be recognized at the Spotlight on Dental Education Ceremony, be featured at the college website, and be recognized in the Commencement program.

To be eligible for recognition, faculty must:

- have a primary faculty appointment and a teaching assignment in the College of Dentistry in 2 of 3 semesters of the preceding academic year.
 - awards made in Spring 2018 will be for teaching activities in Summer 2016, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017
- be part or full time faculty

The Nominee must provide a Curriculum Vitae (CV) – which includes the following information for only the three semesters during the nomination period.

- courses taught within UFCD
- student and peer teaching evaluations
- educational philosophy statement, which includes a reflection on both the strongest and weakest areas from the student and peer evaluations
- teaching innovations implemented

The Department Chairperson and/or Peer Nominator must provide a nomination letter that addresses the following information for only the three semesters during the nomination period.

- the nominee's teaching accomplishments during the nomination period, emphasizing how they have contributed to the teaching mission/needs of the department and/or college
- student and peer evaluations

Sustained Exemplary Teaching Award: This award recognizes *sustained* outstanding teaching performance in the College of Dentistry, for faculty with teaching assignments for no less than the prior 3 years. A department may nominate any number of faculty for this award, however, **there is maximum number of three awards** for the College in 2018. Faculty can only receive this award once every 5 years.

Sustained Exemplary Teaching Awardees will receive a \$5000 award, a certificate and a lapel pin, be recognized at the Spotlight on Dental Education Ceremony, be featured at the college website, and be recognized in the Commencement program.

To be eligible for recognition faculty must:

- have a primary faculty appointment and a teaching assignment in a College of Dentistry during no less than the preceding 3 academic years
 - awards made in 2018 will be for teaching activities in 2015, 2016, and 2017
- be part or full time faculty

The Nominee must provide a Curriculum Vitae (CV) – which includes the following information for only the previous three years prior to the nomination period.

- courses taught within UFCD
- student and peer teaching evaluations
- educational philosophy statement, which includes a reflection on both the strongest and weakest areas from your student and peer evaluations
- teaching innovations implemented, leadership in educational activities and/or contributions to the educational literature

The Department Chair and/or Peer Nominator must provide a nomination letter that addresses the following information for only the previous three years prior to the nomination period.

- the nominee's teaching accomplishments during the nomination period, emphasizing how they have contributed to the teaching mission/needs of the department and/or college, teaching innovations, leadership in educational activities, and/or contributions to the educational literature
- student and peer evaluations