

University of Florida College of Dentistry Spotlight on Dental Education

The University of Florida College of Dentistry's Offices of Academic Affairs in conjunction with the Office of Faculty Affairs supports the **UFCD Spotlight on Dental Education Program**.

Faculty excellence in teaching is recognized through **Exemplary Teaching** and **Sustained Exemplary Teaching Awards**. Faculty are nominated for the Exemplary Teaching and Sustained Exemplary Teaching awards by their department chair or peer and participate in a college-wide competition for recognition. Faculty can only be nominated for one award category within a given award cycle. Self-nominations are not accepted.

- The Exemplary Teaching Award covers instruction performed for the preceding calendar year (Spring, Summer, Fall).
- The Sustained Exemplary Teaching Award covers instruction for the three preceding calendar years.
- The application window will be announced early in the spring semester each year by the Office of Faculty Affairs.

Department chairpersons and any faculty who participate in the nomination or 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 Teaching Award Selection Committee. Final selections are reviewed and approved by the Dean. Incomplete and late applications will not be reviewed. Applications are only accepted for eligible faculty in good standing.

For additional information, please contact the Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs (JRILEY@dental.ufl.edu).

Exemplary Teaching Award

This award recognizes outstanding teaching and clinical supervision in the College of Dentistry, for faculty with teaching assignments in the three semesters of the prior calendar year.

Any faculty may be nominated for this award; however, the maximum number awarded from a department will be based on the department's assigned teaching in the DMD and Graduate programs.

An individual faculty member can only receive this award two times, after which they are no longer eligible. There is a two-year moratorium on eligibility for the Exemplary Award. Department chairpersons and any faculty who participate in the nomination or selection process at any level are not eligible.

Exemplary Teaching Awardees will receive a certificate and a lapel pin, be recognized at a special ceremony, and be featured at the college website.

To be eligible for nomination, faculty must:

- Have a primary faculty appointment and a teaching assignment in the College of Dentistry and have taught in 2 of 3 semesters of the preceding calendar year.
- Awards are made in the spring for teaching activities for the preceding calendar year.
- Be part-time or full-time faculty.

The Nominee must provide a completed Nomination form – which includes the following information for only the three semesters during the nomination period.

- Courses taught and clinics supervised within UFCD.
- Educational philosophy statement, which includes a reflection on both the strongest and weakest areas from the student/resident and peer evaluations.
- Description of activities to improve instruction
- Student/resident and peer teaching evaluations. For graduate faculty, a letter of support from a chief resident may substitute for peer teaching reviews.

Faculty may be nominated by their Department Chair or a Peer. The nominator must provide a letter that addresses the following information for only the three semesters during the above award 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. Address student/resident and peer evaluations.

Sustained Exemplary Teaching Award

This award recognizes *sustained* outstanding teaching and clinical supervision in the College of Dentistry, for faculty with teaching assignments for no less than the prior 3 years.

Any number of faculty may be nominated for this award; however, there is a maximum of two awards for the college. Faculty can only receive this award once every 5 years. Department chairpersons and any faculty who participate in the nomination or selection process at any level are not eligible for these awards.

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 the College of Dentistry during no less than the preceding 3 academic years.
- Awards are made in the Spring for teaching activities for the three preceding calendar years.
- Be part-time or full-time faculty.

The Nominee must provide a completed Nomination form – which includes the following information for only the previous three years prior to the nomination period.

- Courses taught and clinics supervised within UFCD.
- Educational philosophy statement which includes a reflection on both the strongest and weakest areas from the student/resident and peer evaluations.
- Teaching innovations implemented leadership in educational activities and/or contributions to the educational literature.
- Student/resident and peer teaching evaluations. For graduate faculty a letter of support from a chief resident may substitute for peer teaching reviews.

Faculty may be nominated by their Department Chairperson and/or a Peer. The nominator must provide a letter that addresses the following information for only the three years during the above award 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. Address student/resident and peer evaluations.