

2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR

**The University of Texas Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Academy of Health
Science Education, UT System**

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS/APPLICATIONS

**DR. JUDITH DREW INNOVATION IN HEALTH SCIENCE
EDUCATION AWARD**

Application Submission Deadline Monday, OCTOBER 4, 2021 at 5pm

Purpose of the Innovation in Health Science Education Award:

The University of Texas Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Academy of Health Science Education (“Academy”) is an organization of faculty from the health science institutions and medical schools in the UT System whose mission is to promote excellence in health science education. The purpose of the Innovation in Health Science Education Award (Award) is to recognize outstanding and sustained achievement of a health science educator with a documented record of innovations and accomplishments during the last five years in undergraduate or graduate courses, curricula, programs, faculty development, teaching and evaluation methods, technologies, training, etc.

General Information:

The Innovation in Health Science Education Award program is administered by the Academy’s Awards Committee comprised of Academy members representing each participating institution. Members of the Awards Committee execute the peer review, scoring, and final evaluation of all nominations/applications. All decisions by the Awards Committee are final.

Nominations/applications are accepted from all health science disciplines, including medicine, nursing, dentistry, allied health, public health, health information, and basic biomedical sciences. Nominations can come from self, from a colleague, from a local teaching academy, etc.

The written nomination/application shall address the individual’s (or individuals’) innovative accomplishments in the implementation of a project or program that has contributed to improved and sustained changes in educational content, methods, technologies, and outcomes. Such projects may involve, but are not limited to curriculum development, teaching and evaluation methods, faculty development, and use of technology. While not a required criterion for application review, the committee is encouraging projects that respond to our shared educational challenges of virtual learning environments, interviews and improvements for cultural diversity and inclusion in our health campuses.

Funding:

At the conclusion of the Awards Committee's peer review of all nominations/applications for this Award, three finalists will be presented to the Academy members in attendance at the Annual Innovations in Health Science Education Conference in February (2022). The final ranking for first, second, and third place awardees will be determined by vote of Academy members in attendance after all three finalists have presented their projects to the audience in a brief 15-minute synopsis. The principal or a team member shall attend the conference and present the project.

After all place winners are determined by vote tallies, Awards will be presented prior to the close of the conference. The Grand Prize winner will receive \$2500. The 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up will receive \$1500 and \$1000, respectively.

THE MONETARY AWARD WILL BE PLACED INTO A DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT ACCESSIBLE AT EACH WINNER'S INSTITUTION & SHALL BE USED FOR LEGITIMATE EXPENSES TO SUPPORT EACH WINNER'S ACADEMIC PURSUITS.

REQUIREMENTS OF FINALISTS AND AWARDEES:

1. Attend the Innovations Conference in 2022 and make a 15-minute presentation of his or her project at the designated session in the conference program. The conference may be a virtual event for 2022.
2. One year following the award, Awardees shall deliver to the Awards Committee Chairperson(s) a brief report (3-5 pages) detailing the status of the innovation, funding received from other sources to advance the innovation, and publications and presentations pertaining to the innovation. Such data provide supporting evidence for the UT System's continuing funding of Academy programs. Your input is necessary and appreciated.

Optional performance:

The Academy welcomes your participation in Poster and Podium presentations at its Annual Innovations Conferences in subsequent years following your award. Your experiences help to connect colleagues and plant the seeds to facilitate innovation at all levels of health science education. Refer to the Call for Abstracts posted on the Shine Academy website when each Annual Innovations Conference is announced.

GUIDELINES FOR THE NOMINATION/APPLICATION FORMAT AND CONTENT:

The application must be presented in ONE continuous .PDF file and include the following:

- Name, title, office address, email address and office phone number of nominee
- Description of the program, including unique and innovative aspects (3 pages or less)
- Evidence of achievements and outcomes (5 pages or less)

- Three (3) letters of support (e.g. Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Chair of Graduate Medical Education Committee, Department Chair, Division/Section Chief, colleague in department, etc.)
- NIH SF424R-R Biographical Sketch of the nominee

CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE APPLICATION:

The application shall document the innovation in terms of educational merit and relevance to the goals and mission of the Academy, UT System and UT health science education institutions, as well as to the department or school in which the innovation was implemented.

1. Educational Merit (10– 50 points)

a) Documentation of the problem/need

- Clear statement of the problem/need that has been addressed
- Clear goals and objectives of the innovation

b) Design of the project

- The design was appropriate to the goals and objects to meeting the need/problem
- The design was clearly an improvement/advancement in the approach to the problem and desired outcomes. Sound methods of data collection and analysis were employed and evaluation is described

2. Relevance (4 – 20 points)

- Evidence of improvement in the teaching and learning environment, outcomes assessment
- Evidence of dissemination of product/results of the project/program at the institution and elsewhere
- Actual or potential application of product/results of the project/program to other educational settings/venues
- Publications/presentations that have disseminated this project/program
- Plans for future continuation or development of subsequent projects

3. Innovation (2-10 points).

- The overall innovative aspects of the project/program

4. Presentation at the Conference (2 – 20 points)

- Effective communication of the rationale, objectives, and outcomes of the project
- Clear presentation of convincing evidence that the project has improved the teaching and learning environment

The applications will be reviewed by the Awards Committee and the three finalists will present their projects at the Innovations Conference, where Academy members in attendance will rank them as Grand Prize, 1st Runner Up, and 2nd Runner Up. Selection of finalists/winners of Grand Prize, 1st Runner Up, and 2nd Runner Up will be final.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, OCTOBER 4, 2021 at 5pm

Only applications submitted electronically will be accepted for consideration. ALL application materials including letters of support must be submitted in the single

ADOBE .PDF format file. Submit the application packet **electronically** by e-mail, no later than **Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5pm** to:

Awards Committee Co-Chairs:

Jose E. Cavazos, MD PhD (UT Health San Antonio) – cavazosi@uthscsa.edu

Lisa A. Elferink, PhD (UTMB) – laelferi@utmb.edu

LuAnn Berger (UT System) - luberger@utsystem.edu

PEER REVIEW PROCESS TIMELINE: October 4, 2021-December 6, 2021

The review process will be conducted by Awards Committee members of the Academy.

NOTIFICATION OF THREE FINALISTS: on (or around) January 14, 2022

SELECTION OF GRAND PRIZE WINNER, 1st RUNNER UP and 2nd RUNNER UP: after project presentations at the Conference February 2022 in Austin.

NB:

All communications between applicants and the Awards Committee will be conducted with the Principal Investigator or Project Director. It is the responsibility of the PI or PD to share communications with any collaborators and team members.