

## **Annual Innovation Award**

The Department of Pediatrics wishes to recognize innovations that impact child health in a positive and meaningful way. This could include university or community based local or global clinical, educational, research, or administrative innovations.

- Scholarly clinical and/or administrative activity to be recognized could include the discovery of new diagnostic or therapeutic agents, the development of new methods of drug or patient-care delivery, new practice procedures or programs, new data bases, enhancements of patient safety, patient education and/or relevant quality improvements and health promotion to care or processes.
- Educational activity could include new methods in teaching, and/or assessment/evaluation including simulation and novel use of electronic learning (e-learning).
- Innovation in research could include a novel approach to enhance understanding of mechanism of disease, therapeutic interventions including translational research.
- The goal of the contribution would be to provide enhanced child health and/or the ability to better assess the impact of clinical interventions and thus begin the process of examining ways by which it might be done better. That is, innovations assisting in the evaluation of clinical activity would also be eligible for recognition.

### Terms of Reference

1. Nominations can be for an individual or a team who has/have brought recognition to the Department of Pediatrics by such innovation.
2. If it is a team nomination, at least one faculty from the Department of Pediatrics should have had a major role in the innovation.
3. Nominations will include a letter outlining the current and potential impact of the innovation.
4. Nominators will not be members of the nominated team.
5. Nominations will be supported by at least one additional letter of support.

### Regulations

1. The nomination with a supporting letter must be sent electronically via Google form.
2. Nominations will be requested in the spring of each year.
3. A separate request for nominations will be sent to Divisional Directors and Section Chiefs, who will be encouraged to nominate the best innovations from their divisions.

4. Members of the Awards Committee, a sub-committee of the Faculty Development Committee will review all nominations and rank order them. The nomination with the highest ranking overall will be given the award.
5. External review may be requested to assist with review and ranking.
6. Members of the Faculty Development Committee or Awards Committee who are nominated for the award will not be included in the voting process or in any Committee discussion of the nominees.
7. The award will not be given to any individual more than once in any five year period.
8. The nominator will be informed regarding the status of nomination.
9. Nominations that are deemed to be worthy of re-consideration will be carried over for review and ranking for one additional year. If the nomination is going to be reconsidered, the nominator will be asked to send an update at the time of the call for nominations during the next award period. Any deficiencies in the nomination can also be corrected at that time.
10. The award will be presented at the Annual Department of Pediatrics Awards Ceremony in the spring.