COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

INNOVATIVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The College of Allied Health Professions has established an annual Innovative Scholarship Award to honor a deserving faculty member each year.

All faculty and students of the College of Allied Health Professions may nominate candidates for this award. Nominees should be individuals whose scholarship contributions add to the knowledge of the clinical, scientific, and/or educational community. The nominee may be any faculty member whose primary appointment is in the College of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The criteria to be used in nomination and final selection are:

Criterion #1: Innovation

The new method or idea resulted in the revision or improvement of a process or creation of a new clinical, scholarly, or educational process.

Criterion #2: Dissemination and Distribution

This will be assessed by determining if the innovative work was made available to others within the College, University, and to the public. The following are potential mechanisms for dissemination or distribution of the scholarship.

- Publication, with consideration as to whether the publication is peer-reviewed.
- Presentation at professional meetings, with evaluation of merit based on:
  - Whether the meeting is local, regional, or national
  - Whether the presentation is invited or selected via peer review
  - Whether the presentation is a poster or a platform session
- Posting in UNMC Digital Commons Commercial distribution of a product
**Criterion #3: Practice Improvement**

The scholarship should improve education of students and/or clinicians, improve clinical practice or the process of research. The following are examples of documentation for impact or improvement:

- Number of groups influenced?
- Did the scholarship result in a significant change in education or clinical practice?
- Is the work patented?
- Wow Factor – how unique/creative?

**Supportive materials required for consideration include:**

1. A letter of nomination from the nominator highlighting the nominee's creative and/or innovative scholarly contributions to allied health.
2. One additional letter of support.
3. Sample of the innovative scholarship product.
4. Supportive documentation as evidence that the scholarly activity meets the award criteria.

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