

Nominations for W.W. Wood Award for “Excellence in Dental Education”

Dear Graduating Students,

The Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD) has established the **W.W. Wood Award for “Excellence in Dental Education”** to commemorate Dr. Bill Wood whose academic career exemplified dedication to research, teaching and service.

The “W.W. Wood Award for Excellence in Dental Education” will be awarded each year, in each Canadian Faculty of Dentistry, to a full or part-time faculty member who has completed at least three years of teaching in a Canadian Faculty of Dentistry. The award will consist of a permanent plaque engraved with the winners’ name to be displayed in a prominent place in each of the Faculties of Dentistry. In addition, each recipient will receive a certificate from the ACFD.

The award will be presented at Spring Convocation Brunch to a full-time or part-time academic staff member in the Faculty of Dentistry, who has completed at least three years of teaching in the Faculty. The Award will be displayed in the Mervyn A Rogers Faculty Council Room.

The criteria for the Wood Award are as follows:

Candidates should demonstrate excellence in teaching through course instructional evaluation results, letters of reference and other documentation. Some or all of the following criteria shall apply.

The faculty member should:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of his/her subject area.
2. Be habitually well prepared for teaching sessions, be they lectures, laboratories, seminars, tutorials or clinics.
3. Demonstrate enthusiasm for the subject and the capacity to arouse interest in it among the students.
4. Encourage student participation in the teaching/learning process.
5. Set high standards of student involvement and performance and successfully motivate students to attain such standards.
6. Communicate effectively with students at appropriate levels.
7. Utilize methods of evaluation of student performance which assess the higher levels of knowledge acquisition.
8. Be accessible to students outside of class hours and provide for reasonable access by all.
9. Be recognized as a superior teacher by students and colleagues.
10. Candidates should demonstrate Leadership in Dental Education. Some or all of the following criteria shall apply.
11. Have completed teaching improvement courses or other activities to enhance teaching skills;
12. Participated at the Department or Faculty level on education or teaching/learning committees.

Over the past ten years, the following staff have been presented with this Award:

Dr. John Drummond
Dr. Samer Abi Nader
Dr. J. Ghannoum
Dr. P. Chauvin
Dr. E. Lessard
Dr. S. Tran
Dr. J.M. Retrouvey
Dr. V. Benhamou
Dr. M. Dagenais
Dr. M. Tyler

In accordance with the guidelines for this Award, these people are not eligible for this Award. They will become eligible for nomination ten years following the presentation of their first Award.

Nominations should include **AT LEAST THREE LETTERS OF SUPPORT** referring to the criteria outlined above. Student course evaluations, peer and expert evaluations, and any related course or teaching documents will be taken into consideration during the selection process.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE (Attn: Patricia Bassett) PRIOR TO APRIL 5TH, 2013.

If you should require any further information, please let me know.

Patricia Bassett

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