

ACFD NATIONAL DENTAL TEACHING AWARD

The Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD) is pleased to recognize exceptional contributions to dental education at Canadian Universities through the creation of the ACFD National Dental Teaching Award. A maximum of one award can be presented annually to a faculty member who has displayed the qualities of an outstanding dental educator.

Eligibility

The award is open to any faculty member currently teaching in a Canadian university-based oral health sciences program. Only one nominee will be accepted from each dental institution per year.

The recipient of the award should demonstrate the following characteristics:

- knowledge of the theory of teaching and learning, as demonstrated through the organization and presentation of didactic and/or clinical instruction;
- involvement of student participation in the learning process;
- specification of performance standards and stimulation of students to reach those standards;
- ability to communicate effectively;
- accessibility to students outside class;
- development of rapport with students; and
- utilization of evaluation methods which assess the higher levels of learning.

Criteria for the Award

The nominee will generally have at least 5 years of experience in a Canadian school(s) and made substantial contributions to teaching and learning. Each nominee will be evaluated in four categories:

1. Teaching excellence
2. Innovation
3. Leadership
4. Scholarship

It is expected that most nominees will excel primarily in one area and are not expected to demonstrate strengths in all areas. The selection process is weighted to recognize nominees with high ratings in one area over those with average ratings in more than one area.

Nomination Process

Nominations will be accepted from students, alumni or colleagues.

Please submit the nomination package as a single *pdf* document, complete with a Table of Contents. Font size must be no smaller than 11. Pages must be numbered. Use the following checklist to prepare the nomination package.

Deadline for nominations is February 28th, 2025. Email the nomination package to admin@acfd.ca

ACFD Teaching Award Application Checklist

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TABLE OF CONTENTS (with pages numbered)		<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTER FROM NOMINATOR	Must include justification for nomination (up to 2 pages).	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUPPORT LETTER FROM DEAN	Must address nominee’s special qualifications for this award (up to 2 pages).	<input type="checkbox"/>
TEACHING DOSSIER to include		
1. Statement of Teaching Philosophy	(up to 2 pages)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Examples of teaching excellence	Summary of student evaluations for at least 5 years. This must include a legend or footnote explaining the max/min scores, any abbreviations Include any efforts made to improve their teaching (up to 2 pages).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Student letters of support (optional; up to 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Alumni letters of support (optional; up to 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Colleague letters of support (optional; up to 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Examples of curricular	Brief description of new course development or significant modification to course.	<input type="checkbox"/>

innovation (up to 3 pages).

	Development and/or introduction of new teaching methodology(ies) or materials.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development and/or testing of new evaluation schemes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Leadership in dental education (up to 2 pages)	Teaching awards (list and brief description.;	<input type="checkbox"/>
	List of committee-work external to the faculty related to teaching and learning.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Scholarship (up to 5 pages)	List of publications in peer-reviewed journals and other knowledge translation activities (special consideration will be given to those related to teaching/learning).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>Summary</u> of teaching/learning conducted by nominee (include seminars, workshops, conferences, faculty development).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mentorship/supervision of research students.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Grant capture related to teaching/learning.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selection Process

The Selection Committee is comprised of a Chair (ACFD Past President), three representatives selected by the Academic Affairs Committee. Selection will be based on evidence submitted in the nomination material. Members of the Selection Committee will not be eligible to evaluate a nominee from their faculty. It is the responsibility of the selection committee to determine that the nominees meet a standard worthy of this national award. The Committee can determine that no award be made in a given year.