Distinguished Mentor Award

The Distinguished Mentor Award was established in 2014-15 in recognition of the launch of the Center for FAME’s college-wide mentoring program. This award is to honor Ohio State University College of Medicine (OSUCOM) faculty members who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and career commitment to faculty mentoring. On a competitive basis, the Center for FAME annually recognizes one faculty member’s achievements as a mentor with the honor of Distinguished Mentor.

The honoree will be awarded with a $5000 honorarium and distinction as the Center for FAME’s Distinguished Mentor. The honoree will be invited to present his or her achievements at a FAME Faculty Profiles Event and will be recognized at an annual awards event. Further, she or he may advise the FAME mentorship program as to mentorship best practices and the training and development of current and new mentors.

We invite all faculty members, past or present, who have been mentored by a current OSUCOM faculty member to nominate their mentor. Nominations should describe how the mentor has been outstanding in supporting, encouraging and promoting your career and professional development. Specific examples and stories are encouraged. Nominations from all fields and disciplines are encouraged. Preference will be given to those who mentor outside of a formal leadership role.

Additional criteria are as follows:

1. Current Ohio State University College of Medicine faculty member
2. Minimum of 5 years of mentoring Ohio State faculty members

Procedure to nominate a mentor for this award:

1. Submit a nomination letter (maximum of 3 pages):
   a. Describe how the nominee has distinguished himself or herself as a mentor to you; note the duration of mentorship
      a. Describe the value and impact of the mentoring relationship on your career
      b. Describe the notable qualities or characteristics that distinguish this mentor
c. Share anecdotes and stories as appropriate
d. Up to five faculty members may jointly nominate a candidate for the award

2. The nomination packet should include:
   a. The nomination letter
   b. The nominee’s CV
   c. The nominator’s CV (for group nominations, all nominators should provide copies of their CVs)
   d. Support letter from the nominee’s department chair or division director

3. Nominations should be submitted electronically (PDF) to the Center for Faculty Advancement, Mentoring and Engagement Office (FAME@osumc.edu) by: May 31
   a. Nominations may be resubmitted for up to three consecutive years
   b. Nominations will be kept confidential

4. Questions may be directed to the FAME office at FAME@osumc.edu or 685-4536.

Evaluation and Notification:

1. All nominations will be evaluated by the FAME Committee for Mentorship who will make a recommendation to the FAME Executive Committee

2. The committee will assess the nominations on the basis of impact to the nominator’s professional and personal life.

3. The awardee will be notified by July 1