

2009 OISE Award for Excellence in Initial Teacher Education

OISE community members and education partners are invited to submit nominations for the 2009 Ontario Institute for Studies in Education Teaching Excellence Awards. Recognition and formal rewarding of outstanding teachers acknowledges the importance that OISE assigns to high-quality teaching. This award was created to recognize the important role initial teacher education plays in OISE's mandate, and the value placed on excellent teaching.

The Award for Excellence in Initial Teacher Education recognizes outstanding contributions to teaching and learning in initial teacher education at OISE in the following areas:

- Instruction (classroom, lab, virtual)
- Advising/Supervision/Mentoring of teacher candidates
- Course design and/or curriculum development
- Development of innovative teaching methods
- Development of innovative educational materials
- Leadership to improve teaching
- Research on teaching
- Commitment to professional growth and development and/or effective collaboration with colleagues and education partners

Criteria:

Nominee's contributions will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Demonstrated excellence in teaching and/or supervision in initial teacher education (for a minimum of two years)
- Demonstrated impact on teacher candidates
- Ability to foster an enriching teaching and learning experience

Eligibility:

Nominees must be faculty instructors who have a minimum of two years teaching experience in OISE's Initial Teacher Education Program.

Nomination Procedures:

Nominations are welcome from the OISE community and its education partners. The nomination package should include the following:

1. A one page nomination brief outlining:
Name of nominee
Department/Unit
Current Position/Role
Nominee's full university mailing address (with phone number)
Nominee's education (degrees and experience)
Recent academic employment history (administrative and/or teaching appointments)
2. A nomination letter highlighting the nominee's contributions to teaching and learning in initial teacher education at OISE. The letter should clearly articulate the particular contributions of the candidate and reference specific examples. The nomination letter can originate from a Department Chair, colleague or student. Self-nominations are not eligible.
3. A brief statement on teaching prepared by the nominee (2-3 pages). The statement should speak to the criteria listed above and should highlight specific contributions, reflect the candidate's teaching interests, strategies, and innovative practices.
4. A current CV prepared by the nominee.
5. Letters of support from colleagues/students (maximum 6).
6. A summary of course evaluation data (indicating the departmental/divisional mean). Please do not include the raw data/copies of the completed evaluation forms. You may include a blank copy of the evaluation form for reference.

Completed nominations (including all supporting documentation) must be submitted by Friday, March 27, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to:

OISE Teaching Awards Committee
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Winners will be honoured at an Awards Ceremony in late May 2009.

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NOMINEE:

Name:

Course:

Department/Unit:

Present Position/Role:

Mailing address:

Phone number:

Email:

Acceptance of nomination by
the nominee:

(signature of nominee)

NOMINATOR:

Name:

Mailing address:

Phone number:

Email:

Signature:

(signature of nominator)