2009 OISE Awards for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching

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 any instructor who has made a specific contribution to teaching excellence at OISE, including special initiatives or projects.

The Awards for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching recognizes specific contributions to teaching and learning by any instructor at OISE. Contributions can be from any of the following areas:

- Instruction (classroom, lab, virtual)
- Advising/Supervision/Mentoring of students
- 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 evidence of distinguished contributions to teaching at OISE in one or more of the areas described above.

Eligibility:
Nominees must hold a tenure-stream, teaching-stream, contractually-limited term appointment, seconded or sessional lecturer appointment at OISE. Nominees must have at least two years of teaching experience at the post-secondary level.

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 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. Evidence of the distinguished contribution to teaching to support the letter of nomination. This might include, for example, teaching evaluations, and/or letters of support from students, staff, or faculty.

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

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Winners will be honoured at an Awards Ceremony in late May 2009.
NOMINATION FORM

Nominations will be accepted until Friday, March 27, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

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)