



Excellence Awards

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Purpose

The Excellence Award for the College of Dentistry serves as a prestigious recognition program designed to celebrate and reward outstanding achievements, contributions, and dedication within the field of dentistry. This award aims to motivate, inspire, and honor faculty members, students, administrative staff, and support staff who have made remarkable strides in advancing dental education, research, clinical practice, or community engagement. By acknowledging excellence, the award encourages a culture of continuous improvement and innovation within the College of Dentistry.

Overview

The Excellence Award for the College of Dentistry is an annual program that seeks to recognize and highlight exceptional accomplishments in the field of dentistry. This award is open to faculty members, students, administrative staff, and support staff affiliated with the college. Nominations assessed by a panel of experts. The award categories may include teaching excellence, research excellence, clinical excellence and community service excellence.

Recipients of the award receive not only a prestigious accolade but also public recognition within the college and the broader dental community. The award ceremony, often part of a larger event, serves as a platform for sharing best practices, fostering collaboration, and inspiring future generations of dental professionals. In addition, the Excellence Award aims to strengthen the reputation and impact of the College of Dentistry, attracting top talent and fostering a culture of excellence and innovation in dental education, research, and practice.

The excellence awards are categorized in to three main domains.

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1st Category

ACADEMIC AWARDS

1.1 The Best Faculty Award

Purpose:

The purpose of the Best Faculty Award in the College of Dentistry is to recognize and celebrate outstanding faculty members who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, excellence, and contributions to the field of dentistry and dental education for the previous academic year. This award aims to motivate and honor faculty members for their continuous commitment to enhancing the teaching, mentoring and providing exemplary leadership within the college.

Overview:

The Best Faculty Award is a prestigious accolade presented annually by the College of Dentistry to commend exceptional faculty members for their exemplary performance, contributions, and dedication. This award highlights the vital role of faculty in shaping the dental students and motivates them to maintain high standards of excellence in their work through the academic year.

Scope:

The scope of this award encompasses faculty members within the College of Dentistry, including professors, associate professors, assistant professors, and demonstrators. Eligible faculty must have a minimum of one year of service within the college to be considered for the award. The award covers achievements and contributions in areas such as teaching, clinical practice, mentorship, leadership, research and professional growth. within the college community. It also recognizes faculty members who have made a significant impact on the field of dentistry beyond the college.

Nomination Criteria:

Nominations for the Best Faculty Award in the College of Dentistry are encouraged from faculty, staff, students, and alumni. The following criteria will be considered in the evaluation of nominees:

- a. **Excellence in Teaching:** The nominee should demonstrate a strong commitment to dental education, innovative teaching methods, and the ability to inspire and educate students effectively.
- b. **Clinical Practice:** If applicable, the nominee should exhibit exceptional clinical skills, patient care, and a positive impact on the college's dental clinics.

- c. **Mentorship:** The nominee should be known for their mentorship of students and junior faculty members, helping them excel in their academic and professional careers.
- d. **Leadership and Service:** The nominee should have shown leadership in college activities, committees, or organizations, and have contributed to the betterment of the college.
- e. **Research growth and patency:** The nominee should have published numerous articles and books in indexed data base (ISI). In addition, registered patent is also considered as part of this criteria.
- f. **Professional growth:** The nominee should have participated in or attended numerous conferences, meetings, lectures and workshops.

Nominations of the best faculty members are collected anonymously from the senior/ high-ranking undergraduate students. A nomination may be considered for the next award cycle after two years duration if the nominee has been previously selected as a recipient of this award. The excellency award committee will review the nominations and select the recipient based on the above-mentioned criteria.

1.2 The Best Undergraduate Student Award

Purpose:

The purpose of the Best Undergraduate Student Award in the College of Dentistry is to recognize and honor outstanding achievements, dedication, and excellence among undergraduate dental students. This award aims to motivate and inspire students to maintain high standards of academic performance, professionalism, and community engagement throughout their dental education.

Overview:

The Best Undergraduate Student Award is an annual recognition bestowed upon the undergraduate dental students who have excelled in various aspects of their education and college life. This award acknowledges the student's exceptional accomplishments in academics, clinical skills, research, community service, extracurricular activities, and character.

Scope:

The scope of the award encompasses undergraduate students enrolled in the dental program at the College of Dentistry. This includes students from all academic years, provided they meet the nomination criteria. The award will be granted annually to the top three deserving students based on their achievements throughout the academic year.

Nomination Criteria:

To be eligible for the Best Undergraduate Student Award, students must meet the following criteria:

- a. **Academic Performance:** Nominees should have a minimum GPA of 4.25 and be in the top 5 of their class.
- b. **Clinical Excellence:** The nominee should demonstrate exceptional clinical skills and proficiency in patient care, as evaluated by faculty and peers.
- c. **Community Engagement:** Nominees must have a documented record of active participation in community service and dental outreach programs.
- d. **Involvement:** The student should be actively involved in students club, or extracurricular activities.

- e. **Overall Character:** Nominees should exemplify professionalism, ethics, and a commitment to the field of dentistry.
- f. **Research activities:** The nominee's involvement in research projects, publications, or patents.

The nominations are collected anonymously from the school faculties. The excellency award committee will review the nominations and select the top **three** deserving undergraduate students based on the above criteria. The award will be presented at a special ceremony to celebrate the recipients' accomplishments.

1.3 The Best Postgraduate Student Award

Purpose:

The purpose of the Best Postgraduate Student Award in the College of Dentistry is to recognize and honor outstanding achievements and contributions by postgraduate students in the field of dentistry. This award aims to motivate and celebrate excellence, dedication, and innovation in dental education, research, and clinical practice.

Overview:

The Best Postgraduate Student Award is an annual accolade bestowed by the College of Dentistry to commend exceptional performance and significant accomplishments by postgraduate students. This award is designed to inspire a culture of excellence, foster healthy competition, and promote the advancement of knowledge and skills in the field of dentistry.

Scope:

This award is open to postgraduate students pursuing various programs within the College of Dentistry. The scope encompasses achievements in areas such as academics, research, clinical practice, leadership, community engagement, and professional development throughout the academic year.

Nomination Criteria:

The following criteria serve as guidelines for the nomination and selection process:

- a. **Academic Excellence:** The nominee should demonstrate exceptional academic performance, and a commitment to lifelong learning.
- b. **Clinical Proficiency:** Evidence of exceptional clinical skills, patient care, and ethical practice is essential for consideration.
- c. **Research Contributions:** Nominees should exhibit significant contributions to dental research, such as publications, presentations, or innovative projects that advance the field.
- d. **Professional Development:** Evidence of continuous professional development, involvement in continuing education, and a dedication to staying updated with the latest advancements in the field.

- e. **Leadership and Service:** Nominees should show leadership qualities and a record of community service related to dentistry.

The Nominations are collected anonymously from faculties, peers, or mentors and will be reviewed by the excellency award committee for the final selection. The award will be presented at a special ceremony to celebrate the recipient's accomplishments.

1.4 The Best Staff Award

1.4.1 The Best Administrative Staff Award

Purpose:

The "Best Administrative Staff Award" in the College of Dentistry is designed to recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions and dedication of administrative staff members who play a pivotal role in the success and smooth operation of the college. This award aims to motivate, appreciate, and encourage excellence in administrative support, fostering a culture of professionalism and commitment.

Overview:

The award is an annual recognition program that honors administrative staff within the College of Dentistry. It acknowledges individuals who consistently go above and beyond in their administrative roles, making significant contributions to the college's mission and goals. This recognition not only highlights exemplary performance but also serves as a means of inspiration for others in the administrative team.

Scope:

The "Best Administrative Staff Award" is open to all administrative staff members working within the College of Dentistry, including but not limited to administrative assistants, office managers, clerical staff, and other administrative roles. The scope covers all areas of administrative support, such as managing records, coordinating schedules, providing exceptional service, and other functions that contribute to the efficient operation of the college throughout the academic year.

Nomination Criteria:

- a. **Exemplary Service:** The nominee should demonstrate exceptional dedication, commitment, and service to the College of Dentistry.
- b. **Teamwork:** A history of effective collaboration and support within the administrative team and with other departments.

- c. **Service:** A track record of providing exceptional service and support to students, faculty, and staff.
- d. **Problem-Solving:** Evidence of the ability to handle challenges and resolve issues efficiently.
- e. **Leadership:** Demonstrated leadership within the administrative team, including mentoring and guiding colleagues.
- f. **Initiative:** Proven proactivity and willingness to take on new responsibilities or projects.
- g. **Professional Development:** Evidence of a commitment to continuous learning and development in their role.
- h. **Ethical Conduct:** Commitment to upholding the highest standards of professionalism and ethical behavior.
- i. **Longevity and Consistency:** A record of consistent performance and service over a significant period.

The Nominations are collected anonymously from the senior/ high-ranking undergraduate students and the college faculties. The award will be presented at a special ceremony to celebrate the recipient's accomplishments.

1.4.2 The Best Dental Support Staff Award

Purpose:

The purpose of the “Best Dental Support Staff Award” in the College of Dentistry is to recognize and celebrate the exceptional contributions of the non-faculty staff members who play a vital role in the smooth functioning of the college. This award aims to acknowledge their dedication, commitment, and outstanding service, which directly contributes to the success and efficiency of the College of Dentistry.

Overview:

The Best Dental Support Staff Award is an annual recognition program initiated by the College of Dentistry to honor the unsung heroes who work diligently behind the scenes to support students, faculty, and administration. This award highlights the significant role played by the support staff in providing quality education, patient care, and overall college operations throughout the academic year.

Scope:

The scope of this award covers all non-faculty staff members within the College of Dentistry, including but not limited to dental assistants, dental technicians, receptionists, and other support staff positions. The award recognizes staff members from various departments and units within the college. Nominations for this award can be submitted by faculty, students, colleagues, or supervisors.

Nomination Criteria:

To be eligible for the Best Dental Support Staff Award, a nominee must meet the following criteria:

- a. **Exemplary Service:** The nominee should demonstrate a consistent commitment to providing outstanding service that goes above and beyond their job description.
- b. **Team Player:** They should exhibit strong teamwork, collaboration, and a willingness to support and assist colleagues and students.
- c. **Innovation:** The nominee should have introduced or implemented innovative practices or solutions that have improved the efficiency or quality of services within the College of Dentistry.

- d. **Professionalism:** The nominee should maintain a high degree of professionalism, ethics, and a positive attitude in their work.
- e. **Tenure:** Nominees must have been employed within the College of Dentistry for a minimum of one year to be considered.

The Nominations are collected anonymously from the senior/ high-ranking undergraduate students and the college faculties. The award will be presented at a special ceremony to celebrate the recipient's accomplishments.

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Category 2

RESEARCH AWARDS

2.1 The Best Researcher Award

Purpose:

The Best Researcher Award in the College of Dentistry aims to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions to dental research and innovation. This award encourages and acknowledges the exemplary work of researchers in three distinct categories: "Patency," "Quantity", and "Quality." It aims to foster a culture of academic excellence and innovation within our academic community.

Overview:

This award is designed to honor individuals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment, dedication, and achievement in the field of dental research. It recognizes and celebrates their significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge, patient care, and overall excellence in the dental sciences. The award is divided into three distinct categories to encompass various aspects of research excellence.

Scope:

The Best Researcher Award in the College of Dentistry will be presented in the following three categories:

- I. **Patency Category:** This category recognizes researchers who have shown exceptional creativity, originality, and innovation in their research endeavors. Nominees in this category should have made substantial contributions that have the potential to significantly impact the field of dentistry.
- II. **Quantity Category:** This category honors researchers who have demonstrated a prolific and consistent record of scholarly output. Nominees in this category should have a substantial number of high-quality publications in reputable journals, which are indexed by *The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI)* and listed as expanded journals in *The Web of Science*.
- III. **Quality Category:** This category celebrates researchers whose work has made a substantial impact on the field, as evidenced by a high number of citations from other researchers. Nominees in this category should have researches which are indexed by *The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI)* and listed as expanded journals in *The Web of Science*, and widely recognized and cited by peers and colleagues.

Nomination Criteria:

To be eligible for consideration in any of the above categories, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- a. Must be a faculty member affiliated with the College of Dentistry.
- b. Should have a minimum of 2 years of research involvement in the field.
- c. Nominees should be self-nominated based on research productivity during an academic year.
- d. Patents must be fully granted and researches should be officially published with issue numbers and volumes.
- e. A comprehensive research portfolio, including research papers, patents, or relevant projects, must be submitted for evaluation.

The Best Researcher Award in the College of Dentistry will be presented annually to individuals who best exemplify the criteria for each category. The excellency award committee will review and evaluate all nominations to identify the most deserving candidates in each category.

Category 3

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

3.1 The Most Proactive Community Service Award

Purpose:

The Proactive Community Service Award aims to recognize and celebrate the outstanding commitment of staff and students within the College of Dentistry who have dedicated their time and efforts to serving the community. This award serves as an acknowledgment of their exemplary contributions to society through volunteer work, promoting the values of compassion, and social responsibility.

Overview:

The Proactive Community Service Award is divided into three categories: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards based on the number of volunteer hours dedicated by staff and students. This award not only honors their dedication but also encourages a culture of giving back to the community within the College of Dentistry.

Scope:

The award covers community service activities carried out by both staff and students within the College of Dentistry. Eligible service activities include but are not limited to volunteering at dental clinics, oral health education programs, outreach to underserved populations, and participating in initiatives that promote oral health and well-being in the community. The awards will be granted annually based on their achievements throughout the academic year. This award covers two distinct categories:

- i. **Staff Category:** This category acknowledges the exemplary community service efforts of college staff members who have demonstrated unwavering commitment to improving the well-being of the community through various initiatives, both within and beyond their job roles.
- ii. **Student Category:** The student category celebrates the exceptional dedication and efforts of dental students who have made significant contributions to the community through volunteer work, projects, or initiatives related to oral health or general community well-being.

Nomination Criteria:

This award is granted solely based on the number of hours volunteered. Here are some important points to consider:

- a. One hour spent at an event or activity equals one Community Service Hour (CSH).
- b. If the event takes place after school hours on a weekday, each participant is eligible for an extra 2 CSHs.
- c. If the event occurs on a weekend or holiday, each participant is entitled to an additional 4 CSHs.
- d. A student serving as the leader for an event or activity receives an extra 4 CSHs (applicable to students only).

As a secondary criterion, participants who make significant contributions receive 1st, 2nd, 3rd place award certificates based on their involvement.