

SAI Educational Excellence Award

At SAI, we believe in recognizing and celebrating outstanding achievements in education. The Educational Excellence Award has been established to honour individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and impact in the field of education. The inclusion and criteria for this award are outlined below:

Eligibility

Health educators within SAI: Physicians, Nurses, Allied Health, Researchers

Categories

Teaching Excellence: Recognizing outstanding in-person or online instruction and innovative, interactive teaching methods.

Educational Leadership: Honouring individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, educational research and new program initiatives in educational institutions.

Community Engagement: Acknowledging efforts to bridge the gap between educational institutions, divisions and the community (patients, cross collaboration between departments and inter professional).

Criteria for Selection

Demonstrated Excellence:

- Demonstrate a record of excellence in education. For example: innovative approaches to teaching (e.g. interactive, integrative, inclusive, virtual and in person); developing new approaches to teaching/learning; innovative educational research; educational leadership, etc.

Impact and Influence:

- Evidence of a positive impact on students, colleagues and the broader community.
- Contributions that have led to positive change in the education sector.

Professional Development:

- Commitment to continuous learning and professional development.
- Contributions to the development of educational programs (curriculum) or initiatives, such as new courses (tangible novelty).

Community Involvement:

- Engagement with the local community or broader society to enhance the educational experience.
- Initiatives that foster collaboration between educational institutions and the community (patient partners, patient support groups, inter professional collaborators, etc).

Demonstrates ethical and inclusive educational practices:

- Adherence to ethical standards in education.
- Promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the educational environment.

Nomination and Selection Process

- Nominations can be submitted by colleagues, learners.
- Nominees can only be nominated for one award category.
- The submission package should include: 1) a letter from a primary and secondary nominator that endorses the above criteria (at least one of the above categories) and, 2) Curriculum Vitae or equivalent of the nominee. The package should be sent to Dr. Lori Albert and Ms. Laura Passalent, Education Leads (lori.albert@uhn.ca and Laura.passalent@uhn.ca).
- **Submission deadline is March 15, 2025.**
- Awardees will be announced in June 2025.
- One award will be granted per category each academic year.
- A selection committee comprised of representatives from SAI will review nominations and supporting documentation
- Award recipients will be announced and honoured in the SAI Newsletter at the end of educational year (i.e. June 2024)

The SAI Educational Excellence Award seeks to recognize individuals who contribute significantly to the advancement of education and aims to inspire a culture of educational excellence, innovation, and dedication to continuous learning within the SAI community.