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Dear Professor:

The Professors' Award for Excellence in Teaching, established in 1981 by the Advisory Board of the Medical Faculty, honors three members of the Faculty each year whose teaching is judged to be that of the highest quality and to have a significant continuing impact on learners in the School of Medicine.

The goal of this award is to give prominent recognition to these contributions in teaching. All full professors in the School of Medicine are eligible to submit nominations. **Nominees need not be full professors**. Professors may nominate one or two faculty in each of the three categories:

- 1. A faculty member whose principal teaching effort is in the **Biomedical Sciences** (for either Medical or Graduate Students). Candidates whose teaching primarily impacts Master's and PhD students would fall into this category.
- 2. A faculty member whose principal teaching effort is in the Clinical Sciences
- 3. A part-time faculty member in recognition of their commitment to teaching

All nominees will also be considered for the JHU Alumni Association's Excellence in Teaching Award. Should a nominee not be selected in the initial year of submission, the nomination will be considered active for an additional two award cycles and will expire after three calendar years.

While a substantial portion of the medical school community will probably know a nominee, many faculty members teach a relatively small segment of the overall group. They should not be overlooked. Nominators are also encouraged to consider nominating individuals from diverse backgrounds with the requisite qualifications for these awards.

The quality of teaching and the impact of the awardees on the educational experience of learners at Johns Hopkins are the most important considerations. For the purpose of these Awards, all graduate students, medical students, residents, and fellows in the School of Medicine, will be defined as learners. Additional factors such as publication of educational books and articles, national lectureships, and involvement in continuing education will also be taken into account. Nominees for these awards are expected to meet standards of professional

conduct befitting a faculty member and consistent with the qualities these awards recognize and honor. Violations of these standards may disqualify nominees from consideration by the committee. A list of past awardees is attached.

Each nomination should include the Professor's nomination letter that emphasizes the various aspects of the nominee's teaching effort, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and any other supporting documentation. Nominations should be sent electronically to the Office of Medical Student Affairs at somstudentaffairs@jhmi.edu. Deadline for submission is Friday, February 14, 2025.

Dr. Katherine Chretien, Associate Dean for Medical Student Affairs, or Dr. Peter Espenshade, Associate Dean for Graduate Biomedical Education, will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Professors' Award nominations.

Sincerely,

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