To: All School of Medicine Faculty, Residents, Medical and Graduate Students, Postdoctoral Fellows

From: Jerome F. Strauss, III, M.D., Ph.D., Dean, School of Medicine and Executive VP for Medical Affairs, VCU Health System

Date: April 23, 2012

Subject: 2012 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

- School of Medicine Teaching Excellence Awards
- VCU/VCUHS Leadership in Graduate Medical Education (GME) Awards

I am pleased to announce the School of Medicine’s (SOM) 14th Annual Faculty Excellence Awards Program, to be held Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Medical Sciences Building Auditorium. This annual faculty awards program is an opportunity for us to recognize and applaud the dedication, hard work, and excellence of the SOM faculty in teaching and GME leadership.

**Deadline for nominations & all documentation: Friday, June 15.** See attached nomination forms for eligibility, criteria, and nomination instructions.

**Awards**

- **SOM Teaching Excellence** (managed by the Office of Faculty Affairs)
  1. The Enrique Gerszten, M.D. Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (the School’s highest recognition for teaching)
  2. The Irby-James Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching
  3. The Educational Innovation/Educational Research Award
  4. The Distinguished Mentor Award

A complete description of the SOM Teaching Awards is located at [http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/facultyaffairs/career_dev/awards/teachingawards.html](http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/facultyaffairs/career_dev/awards/teachingawards.html). Sample nomination packets of previous years’ winners can be viewed in the Office of Faculty Affairs, Sanger 1-040. Any questions, contact Deborah Stewart at 828-6591.

- **Leadership in GME** (managed by the Office of Graduate Medical Education)
  1. VCU/VCUHS Leadership in Graduate Medical Education “Program Director” Award
  2. VCU/VCUHS Leadership in Graduate Medical Education “Fellowship Director” Award
  3. VCU/VCUHS Leadership in Graduate Medical Education “Program Coordinator” Award

A complete description of the LGME Awards is located at [http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/facultyaffairs/career_dev/awards/gme.html](http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/facultyaffairs/career_dev/awards/gme.html). Any questions, contact Dr. Mary Alice O’Donnell at 828-9783.

For questions, contact Debbie Stewart, dstewart@vcu.edu, 828-6591. We appreciate your participation each year as we continue to honor our exemplary faculty with these annual awards.

Enclosures

“Nomination Forms attached”
2012 SOM Teaching Excellence Awards

Nomination Form

Please check one

__ Enrique Gerszten, M.D. Faculty Teaching Excellence Award
   (the School’s highest recognition for teaching)
   Recognizes extraordinary accomplishment in all aspects of education.

__ Educational Innovation/Educational Research Award
   Recognizes an individual faculty member, a group, or an academic unit for significant educational innovation or educational research.

__ Irby-James Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching
   Recognizes superior teaching in clinical medicine taught in the last two years of medical school and residency training, and encourages excellence in an increasingly complicated and challenging educational environment.

__ Distinguished Mentor Award
   Recognizes significant contributions to the career development of others (e.g., mentorship to fellow faculty members, junior faculty, residents, fellows, graduate students, post-docs or other mentoring relationships).

Deadline for Nomination Form & all documentation: Friday, June 15

Eligibility
Faculty, administrators, residents, students, postdocs, or a candidate may nominate any SOM faculty member teaching in undergraduate medicine, graduate education, graduate medical education, continuing education, or other schools/programs. Previous nominees’ packets may be updated and resubmitted with a current CV (separate) and nomination packet of no more than 20 pages, single-sided, including nomination form.

Criteria and Detailed Descriptions: Detailed descriptions and criteria for the teaching awards are located at http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/facultyaffairs/career_dev/awards/teachingawards.html#a1.

What to include in the Nomination Packet
1. This Nomination Form
2. All nomination packets including resubmitted packets should be not more than 20 pages, single-sided, including the nomination form.
3. An up-to-date curriculum vitae, separate from the 20-page limit on nomination materials.
4. Nomination materials may include, but not limited to, letters of support (addressed to Jerome Strauss, III, MD, PhD, Dean, SOM) stating why your nominee should be chosen for the award, as well as student evaluations, educational activities, examples, innovations, outcomes (please be judicious, succinct, and creative).

**NOMINATORS: PLEASE CHOOSE WISELY YOUR SUBMISSIONS**

Send Nomination Packets to: Debbie Stewart, Office of Faculty Affairs, P.O. Box 980565; or deliver to Sanger 1-040

Please use a separate form for each nomination.

SOM Faculty Nominee: __________________________ Degree: __________________________

Academic/Professional Title: __________________________ Box #: __________________________ E-Mail: __________________________ Fax: __________________________

Phone: __________________________ Box #: __________________________

Nominator: __________________________

Phone: __________________________

Box #: __________________________

E-Mail: __________________________

Fax: __________________________

Recipients will be honored at the Faculty Excellence Awards Program on Wednesday, September 19, 12 noon
Medical Sciences Building Auditorium
A LUNCHEON RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW
http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/facultyaffairs/career_dev/awards.html
2012 VCU/VCUHS Leadership in Graduate Medical Education Award

Nomination Form

Please check one

___ Program Director
specify program __________________________
Recognizes outstanding contributions to medical education by residency directors.

___ Fellowship Director
specify program __________________________
Recognizes outstanding contributions to medical education by fellowship directors.

___ Program Coordinator
specify program __________________________
Recognizes outstanding contributions to medical education by program coordinators.

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Eligibility
Program Directors from all disciplines, including fellowships. On the recommendation of the selection committee composed of senior School of Medicine and Health System leaders, one award is given annually to a Core Program Director, a Fellowship Program Director, and a Program Coordinator. The award can only be won once by an individual for the same program.

Criteria for Selection
A fully accredited residency program; evidence of dedication and effectiveness in teaching residents/fellows; behaviors that are value-based and highly principled; and exemplary role model; a program with benchmark features from which the field can learn; participation in a national program director’s association; chair, faculty and resident letters of support. For additional information, contact the Graduate Medical Education Office, http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/gme/contact/index.html.

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3. An up-to-date curriculum vitae, separate from the 20-page limit on nomination materials.
4. Nomination materials may include, but not limited to, letters of support (addressed to Dr. Mary Alice O’Donnell) stating why your nominee should be chosen for the award, as well as resident/fellow evaluations, educational activities, examples, innovations, outcomes (please be judicious, succinct, and creative).

Send Nomination Packets to:
Mary Alice O’Donnell, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Director of Graduate Medical Education
P.O. Box 980257; or deliver to West Hospital 6th Floor, South Wing

Please use a separate form for each nomination.

VCU/VCUHS Faculty Nominee: __________________________
Degree: __________________________

Academic/Professional Title: __________________________
Department: __________________________

Phone: __________________________
Box #: __________________________
E-Mail: __________________________
Fax: __________________________

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