To: All School of Medicine Faculty, Postdoctoral Fellows, Residents, Medical and Graduate Students
From: Rita Shiang, Ph.D., President, WISDM Faculty Organization
Date: December 9, 2021
Subject: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2022 WISDM Professional Achievement Award

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Monday, March 21, 2022

• The WISDM Professional Achievement Award is presented by the Women in Science, Dentistry, and Medicine (WISDM) Faculty Organization, VCU School of Medicine.

• Established in 1993, it acknowledges the contributions and accomplishments of women faculty in the School of Medicine.

• The award is presented annually at the spring WISDM Leadership Conference and the SOM Faculty Excellence Awards in the fall. **WISDM Leadership Conference is April 29, 2022.**

• **Purpose:** to recognize a woman who is a role model and mentor; promoting the professional development of other women faculty.

• Nominees should demonstrate excellence in the following areas:
  1. Success as a **mentor and role model** for women faculty
  2. **Professional excellence:** accomplished in their primary area of practice (clinical, basic sciences, etc.)
  3. **Leadership:** university administrative duties, and other leadership roles
  4. **Scholarship**
  5. **Teaching expertise**

**Instructions for nomination:**

• Nominations are sought for SOM women faculty only. (VCU School of Dentistry manages their WISDM Professional Achievement award process separately).

• Nominations should include a letter from the primary nominator, a CV, and no more than five (5) support letters from supervisors, faculty, trainees, and/or students addressing the five areas of excellence.

• Previous nominees can be renominated with an updated CV and no more than five (5) support letters, which may include old and/or new letters, from supervisors, faculty, trainees, and/or students addressing the five areas of excellence.

• Address supporting documents to: Kim Isringhausen, M.P.H., WISDM Past-President.

• **Submit nomination packages to Kim Isringhausen, chair of the Nominating Committee, ktsiring@vcu.edu.** Any questions, contact Debbie Stewart, deborah.stewart@vcuhealth.org or Kim Isringhausen, ktsiring@vcu.edu.

A complete list of previous awardees: [https://medschool.vcu.edu/about/deans-office/facultyaffairs/wims/](https://medschool.vcu.edu/about/deans-office/facultyaffairs/wims/)