

**Dean of Health Sciences Award**

**for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching in Professional Practice**

**School of Dental Science**

The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences has established an Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching in Professional Practice for each of its constituent Schools. The purpose of the award is to recognise the significant contribution of professionals who do not hold appointments with Trinity (e.g. clinical and adjunct staff) to the delivery of teaching to its undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The School of Dental Science has a long tradition of engaging external clinicians to educate students on each of our programmes. The engagement of part-time clinical teachers and placement supervisors ensures that our students have broad exposure to multiple clinical settings and a wide range of practicing clinicians during their time with us, making our graduates career-ready from the moment of graduation.

This award seeks to recognize the valuable contributions of such colleagues and to highlight those exceptional individuals who excel in teaching and who continually encourage an ethos of excellence in clinical teaching. The award will take the form of a trophy to be presented at a Faculty-hosted awards ceremony.

**Eligibility**

Staff who are engaged in the clinical teaching of undergraduate and/or postgraduate students but who are not members of staff at Trinity College are eligible for this award. This includes, but is not exclusive to, part-time clinical supervisors and clinicians in practices/clinics hosting students on placements. The staff member must be engaged by the School of Dental Science for the academic year in which they are nominated.

**Nomination and Selection process**

Nominations are welcomed from students or staff and must be submitted to Lena Doherty, Faculty Administrator for Health Sciences, by **5pm,** **Thursday 20th February 2025**: ldohert@tcd.ie

Nominations will be reviewed by a selection panel to include the Dean of Dental Affairs, Director of Undergraduate Teaching & Learning and Director of Postgraduate Teaching & Learning. There will be a maximum of one award in the School of Dental Science per year. If a suitable winner is identified the successful nomination will be proposed to the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences who will make the final decision.

**School of Dental Science Nomination Form**

**Please note: should your applicant be successful, text in this form may be used in promotional materials, including brochures, websites and social media channels.**

**ALL sections of the form must be completed.**

**Handwritten forms will not be accepted.**

**About the Nominee:**

**Full name of nominee:**

**Title to be used (Professor/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms etc):**

**Email of nominee:**

**Additional contact details of nominee (where possible):**

**Class(es) taught / placement(s) supervised by nominee:**

**About the Nominator(s):**

**(If your nominee is successful we will contact you with the outcome and to invite you to the awards ceremony so please provide all details requested below, for all nominators)**

**Full name and title of nominator:**

**Email of nominator:**

**Are you Staff / Student?**

**(If there is more than one nominator, please copy and paste this box for each person)**

**Nominators must provide evidence for one or more of the following criteria. Please provide as much detail as possible – the text boxes are expandable (max one page per section).**

**1. Evidence of promoting excellence in clinical teaching:**

**2. Evidence of promoting the student learning experience:**

**3. Evidence of innovation in clinical teaching:**

**4. Evidence of promoting professionalism in students:**

**5. Evidence of professional development in the area of education:**

**Any additional information to support your nomination:**

**For use in the awards ceremony booklet – can you please provide a professional bio for your nominee? If you cannot supply this, we will source it at a later stage if your nominee is successful.**