

School of Dental Medicine Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award

This award (\$1,500 honorarium and a commemorative plaque) aims to foster excellence in mentoring of early- and mid-career faculty at the SDM. The award recognizes one senior faculty member each year with outstanding commitment and sustained contributions to the professional growth of one or more early career SDM faculty. Exceptional mentoring can include extraordinary generosity in time and/or resources, frequent advice and feedback on research or teaching activities, sponsoring, coaching, providing professional growth opportunities, or assisting in the development of any knowledge and skills that allow faculty to climb onto the next step in the academic ladder or attain local or national leadership positions.

Selection Process

Eligibility

Faculty at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor (Clinical, in Residence or Tenure-track)

Faculty may be members of the SDM or any UCONN School provided that they have mentored and contributed to the career advancement of SDM faculty. Senior SDM faculty who have mentored faculty at SDM-affiliated UCONN Schools are also eligible.

A sustained track record with evidence of high quality mentoring activities (primary mentor and/or member of more than one junior faculty mentoring committees, specific contributions in early career advancement such as scholarly work, research funding, or leadership development).

Department/Division Chairs and Associate Deans who are expected to mentor faculty are eligible for this award if nominated by a senior faculty (Associate Professor or higher).

Senior Faculty can receive this award only once.

Nomination

A call for nominations will go out in the Fall of each year from the Office of Faculty Affairs. Nomination packages should include the following:

- 1) A nomination letter from an Assistant/Associate Professor (tenure track, in residence or clinical), or Instructor (clinical or research) detailing the mentoring activities and contributions of the nominee to their professional growth, with specific information on how the mentor has facilitated what they have accomplished thus far in their academic career
- 2) List of faculty mentored, career paths, and relevant productivity (promotions, leadership positions, scholarly activities, teaching excellence, research funding of mentees)
- 3) Mentor's CV
- 4) A supporting letter from a second mentee or colleague of the mentor

Nomination packages will be reviewed by the Faculty Development Advisory Committee and recommendations will be forwarded to the Dean