

CHRISTOPHER ONDAATJE TEACHING AWARD

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The Christopher Ondaatje Teaching Awards recognize **excellence in teaching** among senior residents in the **Core Paediatrics Residency Program**. Two awards are presented annually—one to a **PGY3 resident** and one to a **PGY4 resident**—as selected by their resident peers.

These awards are made possible through a generous donation from **Mr. Christopher Ondaatje** and celebrate residents who demonstrate outstanding commitment to teaching, mentorship, and educational leadership within the program.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

Number of Awards: Two (2)

- One (1) PGY3 recipient
- One (1) PGY4 recipient

Selection Method: Peer nomination and voting by residents in the Core Paediatrics Residency Program

Award Sponsor: Mr. Christopher Ondaatje

GOVERNANCE AND ROLES

Faculty Lead | Dr. Kevin Weingarten

Responsible for overall academic oversight of the awards process and final confirmation of recipients.

Administrative Lead | Courtney Smart

Responsible for coordinating the nomination process, communications, data collation, and administrative logistics related to the awards.

Selection Committee

- Director of Postgraduate Medical Education: Dr. Kevin Weingarten
- Associate Chair of Education: Dr. Adelle Atkinson

The committee supports the nomination and selection process, ensuring fairness, transparency, and adherence to the award criteria.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nominees must be **PGY3 or PGY4 residents** enrolled in the **Core Paediatrics Residency Program** at the time of nomination.

Residents may only be nominated within their respective training year category (PGY3 or PGY4).

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Nominations are collected annually via Microsoft Forms.
- Residents are asked to submit their first, second, and third choices for each award category.
- Example nomination forms from previous years include:
- PGY3 Nomination Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/EJSv5UZvky>
- PGY4 Nomination Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/kth93ZXV8m>

SELECTION PROCESS

- Nominations are reviewed and collated by the Administrative Lead.
- Results are shared with the Faculty Lead and committee (as applicable) for review.
- Award recipients are determined based on peer rankings and confirmed by the Faculty Lead.

COMMUNICATION

- **Weekly reminder emails** are sent to Core Paediatrics residents during the nomination period to encourage participation.
- Communications are coordinated by the **Administrative Lead**, with support as needed.

AWARD PRESENTATION

- Award recipients are formally recognized at the **Department of Paediatrics Awards Day**.
- Following recipient confirmation, the Administrative Lead coordinates collection of bios, headshots, and related materials for awards documentation and event materials.

REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

These Terms of Reference may be reviewed and updated periodically by the Faculty Lead and Administrative Lead to ensure continued relevance and alignment with program goals.