

R.H.A. HASLAM PRE-CLERKSHIP TEACHING AWARD

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

The R.H.A. Haslam Pre-Clerkship Teaching Award recognizes outstanding undergraduate teachers in the Department of Paediatrics who demonstrate excellence in teaching and mentorship within the Pre-Clerkship (Foundations) curriculum at the University of Toronto. The award celebrates sustained commitment to high-quality teaching that engages learners and reflects excellence in paediatric medical education.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The R.H.A. Haslam Pre-Clerkship Teaching Award is presented annually to a faculty member in the Department of Paediatrics whose teaching excellence is demonstrated through consistently strong learner evaluations and meaningful contributions to undergraduate medical education in the Pre-Clerkship (Foundations) curriculum. The award honours the legacy of Dr. Robert H.A. Haslam and his commitment to education, mentorship, and family-centred care.

ELIGIBILITY

- SickKids-based or Community-based faculty members (part-time or full-time) within the Department of Paediatrics who teach within the Undergraduate Pre-Clerkship (Foundations) curriculum are eligible.
- Eligibility is informed by undergraduate teaching evaluation data provided by the University of Toronto.
- Residents and Fellows are not eligible for this award.
- Faculty members may receive this award no more than once within a five-year period.

NOMINATION AND IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

- Candidates are identified based on undergraduate teaching evaluation data (TES reports) provided by the University of Toronto MD Program Office of Assessment and Evaluation.
- Consideration may be given to student teaching evaluations, sustained commitment to teaching over time, innovation in course development, and number of learners and teaching sessions.
- Candidates are reviewed by the R.H.A. Haslam Award Selection Committee.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Undergraduate teaching evaluation data (TES reports) provided by the University of Toronto MD Program Office of Assessment and Evaluation.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Recipients must demonstrate excellence in teaching based on one or more of the following:

- Consistently high teaching evaluation scores
- Long-term commitment to undergraduate teaching
- Educational innovation and curriculum development
- Impact based on number of learners and teaching sessions

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The R.H.A. Haslam Award Selection Committee is responsible for reviewing candidates and selecting award recipients in accordance with these Terms of Reference. The committee typically includes:

- Director of Undergraduate Medical Education, Department of Paediatrics
- Additional members as appropriate

AWARD PRESENTATION

Recipients are formally recognized at the Department of Paediatrics Awards Day.

REVIEW CYCLE

These Terms of Reference may be reviewed and updated periodically to ensure alignment with departmental priorities and undergraduate medical education standards.