

Criteria, Terms of Reference and Nominations

History:

At the January 30, 1995 meeting of Dental Faculty Council, Professor Emeritus George Brass proposed that the Faculty consider creating an Alumni of Distinction Award. Several faculties of Dentistry (Dalhousie, Toronto, and Alberta) have such an award to recognize alumni with distinguished careers. Our Faculty has graduated over 50 classes and many of those graduates would be appropriate recipients of an award of this nature.

The Alumni of Distinction Award (AOD) was approved in principle. A working committee was struck and criteria were established. In 2008, in conjunction with an effort to revitalize the alumni association and formalize its relationship to the Faculty, it was proposed that this award should become the purview of the new University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association (UMDAA). The award will anchor the effort to revitalize the alumni association and increase the profile of the alumni in Faculty matters. By increasing the participation of the alumni in the faculty, better relations and alumni satisfaction should result.

Criteria:

Nominees must be a graduate of the DMD or a postgraduate program of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba. The nominee must have served the profession or community in such a way as to have distinguished themselves, and directly or indirectly brought distinction and honour to the Faculty and the Profession.

Form of the Award:

The award will be in the form of a framed certificate or plaque and will be announced at a suitable event such as the homecoming gala. A plaque will be mounted in a permanent location in the Faculty and the name of the recipient will be added annually. The name of the recipient will be reported in the Alumni Bulletin and the University of Manitoba Alumni Journal as well as any other publication which is appropriate for the dissemination of this information.

Selection Committee:

The selection committee will consist of:

- Two members appointed by the executive of the Alumni Association (UMDAA)
- One past winner of the award appointed by the Alumni Association (UMDAA)
- One member appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry
- One member at large (appointed by the Manitoba Dental Association)

Selection Process:

A call for nominations will be made by the Alumni Relations office of the Faculty of Dentistry through as many methods as possible to maximize the potential pool of nominations. Each nominator must include a completed nomination form.

Other information:

- Anyone may submit a nomination
- All information submitted is kept confidential. To avoid disappointment and to respect the privacy of the people consulted, the AOD Selection Committee keeps nominations confidential and asks that the nominators and others involved do the same. Based on this, we recommend that nominees not be advised of their nomination.
- A call for nominations will be made by the Alumni Relations office of the Faculty of Dentistry by the end of April each year.
- The deadline for nominations will be June 15 of each year.
- Late nominations may be carried forward and treated as a submission for the succeeding year
- Nominations will be maintained on file for two years, after which a new nomination must be completed.
- If there is a paucity of eligible nominees in a given year or if no nominations are received, the Selection Committee (as defined above) can consider nominations received in prior years or can submit its own nomination.
- The AOD Selection Committee will rank the nominations received and select the award recipient no later than July 15 of each year.
- The award recipient will be notified late July of each year by the current President of UMDAA. The decision will be forwarded to the Dean's office for information and will be publicly announced at the AOD Awards Gala each fall during Homecoming Weekend.
- The recipient must be present to receive the award and will have his or her photo and award statement added to the Alumni of Distinction Award wall at the University of Manitoba Dental Faculty.
- Awards are not given out posthumously.
- Current members of UMDAA executive are ineligible for this award.