AFMC – John Ruedy Award for Innovation in Medical Education

Overview
To honour Dr. John Ruedy on his retirement as Dean of Medicine at Dalhousie University in 1999, the Faculty of Medicine established a national award in his name. The AFMC – John Ruedy Award for Innovation in Medical Education will be awarded to an individual or group who has developed innovative print materials, electronic learning aids or other teaching aids. These Canadian innovations can take the form of textbooks, software, CD-ROMS, web design, app design, or other technology that has aided medical education initiatives in undergraduate, postgraduate or continuing medical education.

Selection Criteria
Nominations must include:

- Evidence of the nominee’s achievements in innovation in medical education materials in their faculty of medicine or beyond their faculty of medicine on a provincial and national level;
- Evidence of scholarship in the area of medical education initiatives in undergraduate, postgraduate or continuing medical education;
- Leadership in leading change with demonstrated impact in medical education innovation using technology;
- Participation in committees and or other activities in medical education innovation using technology.

The First Award will include the complimentary registration to the CCME and an associated $1,500 honorarium which will be presented at the annual AFMC Presidential Address and Award Ceremony at the CCME.

The Second Award will be presented upon the selection of the EIS symposium by the peer review process in advance of the CCME. The award may be to an individual nominated by the team in the form of a monetary award of $1,500.

Nominating Procedure
The nomination must be made by a letter of nomination by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the nominee’s school. Each Faculty may nominate one nominee.

Nominations must be accompanied by an abbreviated CV; two letters supporting the nomination, at least one of which details the impact of the nominee’s work; the URL, link or picture of the innovation, as well as other relevant documentation as required to meet the criteria above. Please do not submit an extensive CV or additional documents unless required by the nomination criteria for the individual award. Any supporting documents should be limited to summaries of relevant work and included in the nomination package.
Please ensure that the nomination package is collated into one PDF file with documents in the order as specified and that all pages in package are sequentially numbered. Submit the package here.

Packages that are incomplete, do not meet the criteria or lack the required documentation will not be considered.

The deadline for all nominations to be submitted is October 15, 2021. Submissions after this deadline will not be accepted.

General
The annual AFMC award cycle begins with the call for nominations which is issued in September each year.
The deadline for all nominations to be submitted is October 15, 2021. Submissions after this deadline will not be accepted.
Announcements of award recipients are made first in confidence to the recipient and the Dean of their medical school, and then publicly at a later date. All awards are presented at the annual AFMC Presidential Address and Award Ceremony at the annual Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME); click here for CCME dates and location.

All award recipients receive one complimentary registration to the CCME. Award recipients will have reserved seating at the Award Ceremony and official photographs will be taken for publication. Award recipients who are unable to attend the ceremony will receive their award via courier. Proxy award acceptances are allowed only on an exceptional basis.
Award recipients are generally invited to bring two guests to the Award Ceremony. They are asked to provide the names of the guests in advance. If attending the CCME, the guests are required to register for the conference. If guests are attending the Awards Ceremony only, their names will be required in advance to facilitate access to the convention site.