The Excellence in Innovation and Creativity Group Award

Purpose
The Excellence in Innovation Group Award was established to recognize a group who has demonstrated leadership in the development and implementation of new and creative programs or processes that lead to improvements in their work area while supporting the University of Minnesota School of Public Health mission.

The Award
The group’s achievement will be commemorated with a plaque and a cash award of $1500 to be split between the members of the group. No more than one award will be given to a group in any single year.

Eligibility
This award is open to all Faculty, P&A, Civil Service, and Labor Represented staff in the School of Public Health. Previous winners of this award are not eligible for a second award.

Evaluation Criteria
The Excellence in Innovation Group Award will be based on evidence that the nominated group has demonstrated innovation in their work. For the purpose of this award, innovation is viewed as, but not limited to:

- A creative solution to a unique problem
- A more effective process or structure to meet a specific need
- Integrating new or existing resources at your disposal to advance your program and/or project
- Finding alternative ways to meet a specific goal while reducing overall costs

Nomination Deadline
Monday, April 18, 2016

Nomination Documentation
- A statement of no more than two pages presenting the full case for the specific need addressed by this project or solution. The statement should include a brief description of the project, including the duration, scope, impact, and role of each team member.
- No more than three letters of support from peers, colleagues, supervisors, administrators, students, alumni or other University of Minnesota community members who have firsthand knowledge of the nominee’s experience. The letters should provide evidence of the qualities described in the above criteria and should detail the areas in which the nominee’s performance has been outstanding, and describe specifically how the nominee has demonstrated extraordinary initiative, skill or creativity.

To facilitate evaluation, please have one person act as the primary nominator, compiling all of the letters of support and other material prior to submitting online for the review committee.

Excerpts from award recipients’ nomination letters may be read at the awards ceremony. Following the ceremony, the winner will receive a complete copy of the nomination submission.