The Outstanding Public Health Impact Award

Purpose
The University of Minnesota School of Public Health strives to improve the health and wellbeing of populations at the local, national, and global levels. The School of Public Health therefore seeks to honor faculty who make an exceptional impact on health and wellbeing through their scholarly work, their public engagement with health issues, or their community service.

The Award
Recipients’ achievements will be commemorated with a plaque, a permanent display in the school’s administrative offices, and a one-time cash award of $1,500. No more than one award will be given in any single year.

Eligibility
School of Public Health faculty on either a 9-month, 12-month or adjunct appointment are eligible. Previous recipients of the award are also eligible to be nominated in subsequent years for additional achievements.

Evaluation Criteria
The award for Outstanding Public Health Impact will be based on evidence that a faculty member’s work has had a significant impact on health or wellbeing. The impact can be a single instance or collective impact over time. The award is intended to recognize impact at the local, national, or global level.

“Impact” will be broadly defined. Examples of impact may include (but are not limited to):
- Demonstrably improving the health of a population through the application of one’s research, or through one’s community service.
- Changing the way that public health or health services are practiced or delivered through the influence of one’s research.
- Directly or indirectly influencing policy changes that can improve the public’s health.
- Directing community projects that are not primarily research projects but that provide significant public health benefits (education, health assistance, health care access, etc.) to the participants and the community.

Nomination Deadline
Monday, April 18, 2016

Nomination Documentation
- A letter of nomination of no more than three pages in length by a student, staff or School of Public Health faculty member. The letter should advocate the case for the award and address the impact that the faculty member has had, and what their role was in establishing that impact.
- No more than three letters in support of the nomination of which at least one must be provided by members of the public directly affected by the faculty member’s activities.
- The nominee’s curriculum vita and other material illustrating the public health impact for which the candidate is nominated.

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.

Students acting as primary nominators are encouraged to discuss the nomination with the division head or another School of Public Health faculty member for assistance in documenting service achievement.
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.

**Previous Recipients**

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