

Submissions for Education Innovation Teaching and Learning Awards



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Aim of the award

The aim of the Education Innovation Award is to acknowledge exceptional innovations to improve teaching and learning by staff of the University of Pretoria.

Nomination

- Nomination is open to academic staff with teaching appointments, as well as all academic support staff at the University of Pretoria (with the exclusion of Department for Education Innovation staff).
- Both individual and team nominations are invited.
- Previous winners are eligible for nomination for novel contributions.
- Candidates may self-nominate.
- Nomination process:
 - Nominations need to be submitted in electronic format using the relevant application template and guidelines available from www.up.ac.za/ei-awards2010
 - The nomination should be reviewed by a peer before submission as described in the application template. The evaluation criteria are stated in the rubric/marketing sheet available from www.up.ac.za/ei-awards2010
 - Nominations must be vetted by at least one of the Faculty's Teaching and Learning structures/committees and signed by the Dean for recommendation before submission.
 - Nominations need to be submitted on a CD or DVD to the Director: Department for Education Innovation.
(Due date for submission: 30 June 2010)

To be considered the nominee(s) should be responsible for an innovative development that has resulted in improvements to the **quality of the student learning experience** or environment. 'Innovation' can include the development of new practices or products and/or modification or adoption of existing practices or products within a discipline or across faculties within the University, or in the community (National and International). Expected standard of good teaching practice should convincingly be exceeded and **evidence of sustainability (adoption/portability/transferability)**, **positive impact** and acceptance should be provided in the form of student feedback or appraisal by peers.

Application

All applications must be made in accordance with the relevant application form available at www.up.ac.za/ei-awards2010. Assistance in completing the application form is available from the Department for Education Innovation and contact details of staff are available at www.up.ac.za/ei-awards2010. All applications will be acknowledged, via e-mail, shortly after receipt. **Late applications will not be considered.**

Selection criteria

All nominations for awards will be assessed on evidence they provide in relation to the following criteria:

- **Intent:** clarity of purpose with systematic planning, implementation and evaluation.
- **Impact on learning:** influence on student learning and student engagement.
- **Impact on teaching practice:** contribution to establishing best practice and/or widespread recognition will be evaluated within the scope of the discipline, the UP teaching and learning environment and beyond

In assessing nominations against the selection criteria, the Selection Committee will consider particular aspects that will include:

- the contextual and discipline-specific circumstances (demonstrated insight into particular teaching and learning contexts);
- demonstrated evidence of the sustained impact of the innovation on the effectiveness of the module/programme in formal and informal evaluation;
- demonstrated evidence of student achievement;
- extent of influence through engagement in teaching and learning activities within the university and in community teaching and learning activities;
- the degree of creativity, uniqueness or innovation;
- demonstrated evidence of solving problems or responding innovatively to challenging contexts;
- demonstrated evidence of collaboration or support for collaboration;
- demonstrated evidence of sustained and continuing interest in professional development activities;
- demonstrated evidence of professionalism;
- demonstrated evidence of critical reflection to develop teaching;
- degree of reliability of data, and alignment of claims articulated with evidence provided.

Participants will be expected to present their nominations during the evaluation process in July as well as at the EDUVATE seminar on 21 October.

Evaluation process

The final selection of recipients of the awards will be made by the Selection Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University. The Selection Committee will assess submissions according to the selection criteria in the rubric/marketing sheet available from www.up.ac.za/ei-awards2010.

Important dates for 2010

Activity	Due date for 2010
Invitation and rubric sent out to UP	4 January
Preparation of submissions by UP staff	January until 30 June
Final acceptance of submissions from Faculties	1 st July
Evaluations of submissions	July until September
Eduvate presentations and Gala event	21 October