John D. Thompson Prize
Selection Committee Job Description

Purpose of Award

The John D. Thompson Prize was established to honor John D. Thompson, a professor of health administration education, who set teaching, commitment to learning, collegial relationships, and health services research standards which are without peer.

The Prize recognizes junior and mid-career faculty based on their overall contributions to the field of health administration education, broadly defined. This includes scholarly and practice-oriented research, teaching accomplishments, and other relevant experiences and achievements in areas such as curriculum and program building; student mentoring; and leadership in the health administration education field. Mid-career faculty, e.g. those who are at the Associate Professor level and/or have been in an academic position for an appropriate length of time, allowing for the building of a strong, multi-faceted record, are the desired focus for this award. Junior faculty (e.g. at the Assistant Professor level) may be considered in extraordinary instances. The Prize is awarded to a faculty member from an AUPHA Full Member Program.

Purpose of Committee

The committee evaluates the nominations based on established criteria and selects an awardee. The Committee is also charged with reviewing and, as needed, modifying the criteria.

Role of Chair

- Convenes committee conference calls to review the nominations submitted via the nomination form.
- Breaks any tie that may occur in the selection process.
- Determines if the nomination or selection process needs to be changed or modified.
- Introduces the Prize winner at the Annual Meeting and presents the award.

Role of Member

- Attends via conference call the meetings called by the chair.
- Reviews the nominations submitted and sent to them by the chair/staff in accordance with the established selection process.
- Ranks the nominations based on the established criteria.
- Works toward consensus on the selection of a Winner.
- Attends the award ceremony held during the Annual Meeting
Term of Office

The term of office is for three years running from July-June.

Timing and Frequency of Meetings

The majority of the committee work takes place in late winter after the nominations have been received. If more documentation is required, the additional review occurs in early spring. Usually, no more than two conference call meetings are necessary.

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