

Instructional Excellence Award

DESCRIPTION: This award will honour and recognize instructional excellence at Okanagan College. It will be awarded to those individuals with instructional responsibilities who have exhibited consistent excellence in teaching and who have had a significant impact on student learning environment, growth, and success.

ELIGIBLE: All instructional employees

AWARDED TO: An individual or teaching team

CRITERIA: An instructional employee or a teaching team nominated for this award will have made an extraordinary contribution to teaching and learning at Okanagan College and will have examples of the following accomplishments:

- Communicated class subject matter accurately, clearly and with enthusiasm; invited, presented and challenged multiple points of view;
- Planned and organized all course material in a way which added significant value to the learner;
- Challenged, inspired and supported students to do their very best work;
- Demonstrated knowledge of, and passion for, the subject matter;
- Consistently up-to-date in developments in their area of instruction;
- Created a positive and accessible learning environment for all students;
- Encouraged and openly considered feedback;
- Used effective teaching methods and techniques to adapt teaching style to fit student needs;
- Employed all resources available to their utmost efficiency;
- Responded appropriately to the individual needs of each student by being available and approachable for out of classroom consultation;
- Acted as a role model by embracing their own professional development;
- Established a cohesive and collaborative learning environment;
- Generated a desire for continuous and life-long learning in others, especially students; and,
- Acted as a valuable resource for students and colleagues at Okanagan College.

