



MAC Awards for Mentoring Excellence

Application Deadline: July 13, 2026

Description

The Mentoring Academy Council is pleased to provide three awards that celebrate faculty excellence in the mentorship of students, trainees and/or other faculty in: **Care, Discover, Teach**. Mentorship is defined as a professional, working alliance in which individuals work together over time to support the personal and professional growth, development, and success of the mentee through provision of career and psychosocial support. The award defines excellence as embodying these core elements in this definition:

- a) Professional alliance in which mentors work with mentees over a duration of time
- b) Provision of career and psychosocial support
- c) Contributing to the mentee's growth and success

The three award categories are:

- The award for excellence in **clinical mentoring** recognizes a mentor whose efforts directly contributed to their mentees' advancements in the clinical mission, i.e., achievement of clinical career milestones and clinical innovations.
- The award for excellence in **research mentoring** recognizes a mentor whose efforts directly contributed to their mentees' advancements in the research mission, i.e., investigative success including research innovations, publications and grants.
- The award for excellence in **education mentoring** recognizes a mentor whose efforts directly contributed to their mentees' advancements in the education mission, i.e., achievement of teaching excellence, curricular innovations, and education scholarship.

How to Nominate

All faculty are eligible and nomination letters may be submitted by mentees, peers, or supervisors and should include which award is being sought and why the nominee merits recognition, e.g., evidence of sustained commitment to the professional and personal growth of mentees, significant breakthroughs or achievements of mentees attributable to their mentoring, contribution to structures or programs that support mentoring.

Submissions should include:

- **Two (2) nomination letters - Please clearly state which award category the nomination is for**
- **Nominee's CV**
- **Nominee's 1-page statement describing their commitment, approach and/or activities in mentoring**

Submissions should be sent by 7/13/26 to facultydevelopment@med.cornell.edu
Awards will be announced in August.

For questions:

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