

Western Michigan University Assessment Excellence Award

The University Assessment Steering Committee (UASC) has established an Assessment Excellence Award for the purpose of recognizing and showcasing outstanding efforts in the area of assessment at WMU. Assessment is defined as the systematic collection and use of the results of student learning and academic program quality to determine the achievement of goals and objectives. An outstanding assessment process is characterized by the use of the results of assessment to improve the activities being assessed. Therefore, criteria for selection will emphasize the demonstration of program changes/improvements as a result of the assessment program..

Individual Award

Eligibility

The competition is open to all WMU employees who have authored or co-authored an article about the assessment of student learning and academic program quality or assessment activities. The article must be published (or accepted for publication) in a peer-reviewed journal, proceedings, or equivalent venue.

Procedures

Individuals must submit a self-generated application that includes the name and contact information for the person submitting, the author(s), and the nominee (if applicable), along with a copy of the article, and information about the publishing venue and dates of publication.

Award Criteria

UASC will use the following criteria as a basis for selecting the individual award winner:

- The article may report on specific research conducted in the area of assessment.

or

- The article may be a report on the practical application of specific assessment methodology that has resulted in feedback and has led to improvement in the academic (or other) program. The link between methodology, data, and program improvement must be clearly evident.

Submission

Deadline for application submission is January 31, 2011. Awards will be announced during Assessment Day activities in March 2011. The winner of the individual award will receive a cash prize and university-wide recognition.

Please submit your application electronically to:

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