

## **Western Michigan University Assessment Excellence Award**

The University Assessment Steering Committee (UASC) has established an Assessment Excellence Award for the purpose of recognizing and highlighting 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 improvements as a result of the assessment program.

### **Individual Award**

#### **Eligibility**

The competition is open to all WMU employees who have made a significant contribution in the area of assessment of student learning. Examples include:

- Authored or co-authored an article. The article must be published (or accepted for publication) in a peer-reviewed journal, proceedings, or equivalent venue.
- Presented or co-presented student learning assessment data at a peer-reviewed conference. The nominee must have made the presentation prior to nomination.
- Assessment work that has resulted in notable changes in programs related to student learning.
- Instrumental efforts in creating and implementing student learning assessment processes within the institution.

#### **Procedures**

Self-nomination or nominations from others are acceptable. Individuals submitting a nomination must include:

- The name, title, unit, and contact information of the nominee
- A one-page (maximum) cover letter describing why the nominee is deserving of the award
- Relevant examples of the assessment work completed by the nominee, including a copy of the article, presentation, or a summary report of the assessment accomplishments

#### **Award Criteria**

The UASC will use evidence of impact as a basis for selecting the individual award winner. Evidence of impact may include number of citations, quality of journal, level of student learning

improvement, number of assessment projects, significance of program change, or other evidence as appropriate.

### **Submission**

Deadline for the 2021 application submission is February 26. Awards will be announced during the annual assessment conference on April 9, 2021. Please submit your application electronically to:

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