

## **Scholarship in Education Award**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is the Scholarship in Education Award?**

The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTCSOM) Scholarship in Education Award recognizes faculty members who demonstrate excellence in educational scholarship through innovative teaching, curriculum development, and the creation of shareable academic resources that advance medical education.

#### **Why should I apply for this award?**

Faculty members play a vital role in advancing medical education at VTCSOM/Carilion Clinic. The Scholarship in Education Award acknowledges contributions to educational scholarship and serves as a benchmark for excellence. This criterion-based award undergoes both internal and external peer review, reinforcing VTCSOM's commitment to fostering rigorous and innovative approaches to medical education.

#### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Applicants must be current VTCSOM/Carilion Clinic faculty members, have made a significant educational contribution within the past two academic years, and have produced a scholarly, shareable academic product related to medical education.

#### **Is this award for my overall educational accomplishments or a specific scholarly activity?**

The Scholarship in Education Award recognizes a single scholarly educational activity undertaken within the previous one or two years. This could include teaching innovations, mentoring programs, educational research, curriculum development, instructional design, or other scholarly efforts in education. The focus is on a specific project demonstrating a scholarly approach rather than a lifetime of educational achievements.

#### **What defines “Scholarly Education” for this award?**

Scholarly education is characterized by:

- Purposeful Planning- Clearly defined objectives, advance preparation, and intentional design
- Systematic Implementation – Detailed methods, measurable outcomes, and structured execution
- Effective Communication of Results – Clear, organized, and impactful presentation of activities and outcomes
- Reflective Assessment – Ongoing, iterative, and critical evaluation for continuous improvement

#### **Can I apply for this award multiple times?**

Yes. Faculty members are encouraged to apply each year as long as they submit a new and unique scholarly contribution. The goal is to promote a culture of continuous educational scholarship. Faculty engaged in ongoing, high-quality scholarly work are welcome to reapply.

**Is this a competitive award?**

No. This is a criterion-based award, meaning applicants do not compete against one another. In theory, all applicants who meet the scholarly criteria could receive the award. However, applications undergo rigorous peer review by internal and external experts based on Glassick's criteria to ensure they meet the standards of high-quality educational scholarship.

**What exactly are Glassick's criteria?**

Dr. Charles Glassick, former President of Gettysburg College and co-author of *Scholarship Assessed: Evaluation of the Professoriate*, conducted a study in the mid-1990s to determine the standards journal editors, directors of scholarly presses, and funding agencies used to define scholarly work. The study identified six common themes:

1. Clear Goals
2. Adequate Preparation
3. Appropriate Methods
4. Significant Results
5. Effective Communication
6. Reflective Critique

These six themes will be used by external peer reviewers to assess the quality of submissions for this award. Further details can be found in the award application template. Additional information is available at: <https://www.academicpeds.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Glassicks.pdf>

**How are applications reviewed?**

The review process consists of an internal review by the Office of Educational Affairs to ensure eligibility and completeness, followed by internal and external peer reviews.

**How do I submit my application?**

All applications must be submitted as a single PDF file to [malaina@vt.edu](mailto:malaina@vt.edu) by March 31, 2025.

**What recognition does the award recipient receive?**

Awardees will be honored with:

- Recognition on the VTCSOM website and newsletter
- An invitation to serve on the next year's selection committee
- A commemorative award presented at the Medical Education Retreat on May 20, 2025

**Will my application be archived?**

Yes. All application materials will be archived, and a summary of the selection process will be documented for reference. The process is reviewed annually to ensure effectiveness.