

2024 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Call for Nominations

The **Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award**, presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation is designed to recognize compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of healthcare. This award is presented annually to a faculty member who demonstrates outstanding compassion in the delivery of care; respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues; as well as demonstrated clinical excellence.

Nominations: All Medical Center faculty and staff are invited to nominate **regular rank faculty** in the School of Medicine who exemplify the traits honored by this faculty award. Please note that winners may receive copies of their nomination letters. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

1. Letters of nomination should include description of the circumstances that moved you to submit the nomination, with specific examples of their compassion, sensitivity, respect and clinical excellence. **A minimum of 2 letters and no more than 5 letters should be submitted.**
2. Nominee's current *curriculum vitae*

Please note: Nomination letters and CV should be submitted together in one document. The committee will be unable to review any additional materials.

Winners of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine award will be selected by a committee of faculty peers and the selection committee will work to ensure nominees represent the diversity of our community.

Nomination due date January 29, 2024

Please submit nominations **electronically** to facdev@dm.duke.edu

This information and a list of previous winners is also available online

<https://medschool.duke.edu/about-us/faculty-resources/faculty-development/som-faculty-awards>

Contact the Office for Faculty with questions

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The Arnold P. Gold Foundation sponsors the annual Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award for a faculty member at more than 100 of the nation's medical schools. This award is presented to the faculty member who best demonstrates the Foundation's ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care; respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues; as well as demonstrated clinical excellence. The Gold Foundation began this award in 1991 at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons. The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey began replicating these awards nationwide in 1998, with participation from The Gold Foundation. In 2003, with a generous donation from Leonard Tow, these awards became solely sponsored and administered by The Gold Foundation. Medical schools wishing to bestow this award should abide the following criteria in their selection process:

- Consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients
- Serves as a role model—illustrates professional behavior for students and colleagues by example
- Approachable and accessible to students
- Welcomes opportunities for teaching and one-on-one mentorships with students
- Exhibits enthusiasm and skill in professional and personal interactions with students
- Shows respect for everyone
- Demonstrates cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse backgrounds
- Displays effective communication and listening skills
- Understands a patient's need for interpretation of complex medical diagnoses and treatments and makes an effort to assure patient comprehension – shows respect for the patient's viewpoint
- Sensitive to the patient's psychological well-being
- Effectively identifies emotional concerns of patients and family members
- Engenders trust and confidence
- Adheres to professional and ethical standards
- Committed to reflection and objective self-evaluation of his/her skills
- Displays competence in scientific endeavors