



The Dr. Vivian R Ramsden Award for Scholarship and Innovation
Department of Academic Family Medicine
College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan

The Dr. Vivian R Ramsden Award for Scholarship and Innovation was established to honour the exceptional contributions of Dr. Ramsden in scholarship. Dr. Ramsden became a research facilitator in the Department in 1997 and has served as the Department's Research Director for many years. She is dedicated to academic service and innovation and has done this at local, national and international levels. She is also committed to community and the meaningful engagement of patients and partners in her work. As a participatory health researcher in primary healthcare settings, she is a passionate advocate of authentic engagement, co-creation and action research. She has worked in collaboration with women prisoners, inner-city communities in Saskatoon and Regina, several Indigenous communities in northern Saskatchewan and a number in South India to undertake research that is co-created, co-designed, co-developed, co-presented and co-authored with the communities.

This award is intended to recognize an individual or team/group significantly contributing to scholarship and innovation within the Department of Academic Family Medicine. The award is open to Faculty and Staff in the Department of Academic Family Medicine. It will recognize a contribution made within the province which subsequently has application nationally or internationally. This award will give public recognition to their work and the discipline of family medicine.

Criteria for Nomination:

This award will consider the following elements:

- **Defined area(s) of scholarship and innovation:** How has the nominee(s) advanced a specific area(s) of practice improvement and/or scholarship? What novel innovative approach(es) is/are uniquely associated with the nominee (individual, team/group)?
- **Grants.** Has the nominee(s) served as Principal, Co-Principal and/or Co-investigator on funded practice improvement and/or scholarship projects?
- **Appointments within the Department of Academic Family Medicine.** This may include but is not necessarily limited to appointments such as Research Director within a university/hospital/institute, Scientific Editor of a peer-reviewed journal, or appointed service on Research Boards or Committees of Organizations.
- **Mentorship roles.** Has the nominee(s) supervised undergraduate medical students, Family Medicine Residents, Master's and PhD students? If so, approximately how many? Does/did the nominee(s) serve as an Adviser and Mentor to early and mid-career researchers and/or patient/community-engaged research?
- **Scientific review.** Describe the nominee's participation in scientific reviews, such as on Review Committees associated with research funding agencies and review of Abstracts for Scientific Conferences and events.
- **Promotion of community-engaged research,** e.g. participatory research, EDI, relational equity, and team-based.



- **Past Awards of Recognition.** Has the nominee(s) received other awards recognizing scholarship and innovation accomplishment(s) and excellence?

Nomination Process:

Nominations should be submitted to the Provincial Department Head via email at family.medicine@usask.ca. If no appropriate nominee(s) is put forward, it may not be awarded that year.

The Award Recipients must be nominated by two or more peers, at least one of which is a Department of Family Medicine faculty or staff member. The additional letter(s) of support may come from a broad range of individuals, including the nominee's peers from other institutions or organizations.

Nomination Letter: A cover letter or statement from the primary nominator introducing the nominee and providing an overview of their qualifications for the award related to the criteria for nomination. This should also include a brief outline of the scholarly and innovative outputs of the nominee(s). This includes but is not necessarily limited to Books, Book Chapters, Clinical Practice Guidelines, peer-reviewed journal articles, knowledge translation strategies, conference presentations, keynote addresses and non-peer-reviewed/media press. Nominators may wish to provide metrics for the nominee(s), such as the number of authored publications, H-index, and times cited. The letter should also describe the most significant aspect of the highlighted work to which the nominee(s) contributed.

Supporting Letter(s): Letters of support from colleagues who can attest to the nominee's impact and contributions. These letters should provide specific examples and anecdotes that demonstrate the scope and impact of the nominee's contributions.

The nominee's curriculum vitae may be included to provide further context about their career accomplishments.

Selection Process:

An ad hoc committee of 4-5 Department members will be selected by the Department Head to adjudicate nominations. Each committee member will rank the nominees independently, followed by discussion, and arrive at a consensus on the successful recipient.

Recognition:

The recipient(s) will be recognized at the Faculty Showcase and Celebration held in conjunction with the Spring Retreat of the Department of Academic Family Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan.