

UIC COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
College Committee on Faculty Awards
Annual Report 2021-2022

The College Committee on Faculty Awards is charged with ensuring that faculty excellence is reflected in competition for academic awards. The Committee disseminates information about internal faculty awards, actively solicits nominations for such awards and, where appropriate, makes award nominations which are forwarded to the Dean.

The College Committee on Faculty Awards met in February and in March of this year to review nominations for the *University Scholars* award and for the *COM Faculty of the Year* award.

The *University Scholars* Award is a campus program which provides a three-year award to faculty members who have demonstrated superior performance in scholarly activities in both research and teaching and who show great promise for future achievements. The Committee reviewed four College of Medicine nominations for the *University Scholars* award, and made recommendations to the Dean for submission to the University under this year's awards cycle. The committee nominated two individuals for the award, Dr. Judith Cook, Department of Psychiatry and Dr. Orly Lazarus, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, and both received the *University Scholar* award.

The *Faculty of the Year* award is a college-wide honor which recognizes faculty excellence in a variety of areas including: special achievement in University leadership or national/regional society organization; receipt of a prestigious national recognition that reflects positively on the College of Medicine; outstanding teaching, clinical or research performance; and special effectiveness in curriculum or instructional material development. The Committee reviewed four nominations put forward for this year's award. After careful consideration, the Committee recommended Dr. Pauline Maki from the COM at Chicago's Department of Psychiatry for the *Faculty of the Year Award* which was presented to her at the College's Commencement ceremony.

The Faculty Awards Committee continued its efforts to encourage nominations for these awards by posting announcements on the College's Faculty Affairs website, soliciting nominations from college leadership, and asking department heads and regional deans to broadly disseminate announcements to faculty in their units.

Respectfully Submitted,



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