

Dance Educator Award

INTRODUCTION

Each year, the IADMS Dance Educator Award honors an outstanding educator or teacher who meaningfully integrates dance medicine and science into their teaching practice. Recipients of this award demonstrate a sustained commitment to shaping the future of dancers and educators through informed, reflective, and evolving teaching practice.

AWARD CRITERIA

Award criteria reflect a dance educator/teacher who:

- Demonstrates thoughtful integration of dance science, research and reflection throughout their practical teaching
- Demonstrates a learner-centric approach, fostering learner autonomy, implicit learning and promoting intrinsic motivation
- Fosters a safe and supportive learning environment - physically, emotionally and psychologically, to promote student expression and artistic development
- Has structures in place for on-going pedagogic reflection, evaluation and the continuous evolution of their dance teaching to include, for example: actively integrating research developments in pedagogy and dance science; actively seeking and incorporating peer or teaching team feedback, student feedback
- Evidences a sustained vision and commitment to advancing the field of dance pedagogy and dance science

NOMINATIONS

Students and colleagues are invited to submit a nomination.

The nomination should outline the educator's consistent integration of evidence-based dance science and, most importantly, describe the impact they have had on you, the nominator. Please include 2–3 specific examples demonstrating how they have influenced your learning, development, or teaching environment (or that of peers), such as through:

- Clarity and depth of teaching and vision
- Fostering autonomy and motivation
- Generous knowledge sharing
- Mentorship
- Ongoing integration of research, reflection, and professional growth

Responses to the nomination questions will inform the review process and may also be featured in future IADMS promotional materials.

TIMELINE

March	Call for nominations open
April/May	Nominees will be contacted to provide additional supporting information
May	Professional Development & Recognition Committee Review
June/July	Award winner will be announced, and the recipient will be invited to accept the award in person at the respective year's IADMS Annual Conference.

REVIEW & SELECTION PROCESS

- A **panel of reviewers**, including representatives from and selected by the IADMS Professional Development & Recognition Committee, will review submissions.
- IADMS members and nonmembers are eligible to nominate or be nominated for the IADMS Dance Educator Award.
- Self-nominations from a dance educator or teacher are **not accepted**.
- Current members of the IADMS Professional Development & Recognition Committee and Board of Directors are **ineligible to nominate or be nominated** for this award¹.
- The nominee may be contacted to provide further supporting information, based on the award criteria, upon request by the panel of reviewers.

AWARD & RECOGNITION

Prize: The winner will receive a **complimentary 1-year IADMS membership**.

The winner will be announced **via IADMS social media and during the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Conference**. Attendance at the conference is not required to win. IADMS reserves the right to publish submitted nominations on its website and use them for promotional purposes.

For inquiries, please contact ProfDevelopment.Recognition@iadms.org.

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

¹ Current IADMS Committee and Board members can be found on the IADMS website, www.iadms.org, on the Our Story page.