



## Call for Nominations – 2025 Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

We are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2025 Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards.

These awards were established in 2018 to recognize clinical faculty across our many sites of service for their exceptional contributions to the care of our patients, to the education and training of the next generation of health care professionals, and to UT Southwestern overall.

Today, we invite and encourage each of you to help us identify UTSW clinical faculty who merit special recognition and who are deserving of one of the seven awards detailed below. Among them is the Patricia and William L. Watson Jr., M.D. Award for Excellence in Clinical Medicine – our institution's highest honor in clinical care.

Please review the award categories as well as the accompanying nominee eligibility requirements. Honoring our colleagues reinforces the values that shape UT Southwestern's culture and inspires continued commitment to the highest standards of patient care, education, and service.

[Nominations will be accepted online](#) through **Tuesday, July 15**, and will be reviewed by a faculty awards committee.

The 2025 awards ceremony will be held in person **November 5** in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, with an option to join virtually.

We look forward to recognizing all our Leaders in Clinical Excellence honorees and to gathering with you to celebrate their extraordinary work.

### **Patricia and William L. Watson Jr., M.D. Award for Excellence in Clinical Medicine**

*Established in 2009 through a gift from Dr. William L. Watson Jr. – a UT Southwestern alumnus – and his wife, Patricia, the Watson Award provides the opportunity to recognize a UT Southwestern faculty physician who exemplifies excellence in patient care, is a leader in advancing clinical innovations, and has had a profound impact on students, trainees, colleagues, and patients.*

### **Rising Star Award**

*This award recognizes exceptional early-career clinical faculty whose actions and activities consistently exemplify enthusiasm, commitment, professionalism, and leadership.*

**Institutional Service Award**

*This award honors clinical faculty who consistently share time and expertise in service to internal committees, task forces, and other institutional activities that make a significant impact on the care delivered to UT Southwestern patients.*

**Mentoring Award**

*This award celebrates clinicians who demonstrate exceptional commitment and effectiveness as mentors to health care providers.*

**Patient and Family Recognition Award**

*This award honors clinical faculty whose dedication to the compassionate, respectful delivery of exceptional patient care has garnered the highest degree of patient trust and satisfaction.*

**Program Development Award**

*This award celebrates the innovation and collaboration that are foundational to the success of UT Southwestern Medical Center. It recognizes a group of clinical faculty and staff who have partnered to create, develop, and sustain an innovative program that significantly advances our ability to improve patient care.*

**The President's Award for Humanism in Clinical Care**

*This award honors clinical faculty who exemplify the humanistic spirit of patient-centered medicine, both through clinical excellence and in outstanding compassion in the delivery of care.*

More information about the awards, eligibility requirements, and the nomination process can be found on the [Clinical Faculty Awards website](#).

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