MEMO

To DTU’s teachers, ISN chairmen, heads of studies, pedagogical coordinators, heads of departments, and others
From Dean Philip J. Binning / Peter Munkebo Hussmann, LearningLab DTU

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DTU Award for Developing Teaching and Learning
(DTU’s pris for undervisningsudvikling)

As decided by DTU’s Executive Board, an Award for Development of Teaching and Learning was established in 2016. The first winner, Associate Professor Günther H.J. Peters, DTU Chemistry, was appointed in November 2016. The award acknowledges an individual teacher, or a team of teachers, who has made a systematic and extraordinary effort to develop learning, teaching, and education at DTU. The award is bestowed annually at DTU Seminar for Teaching and Learning in the fall.

The award is a travelling scholarship of 25,000 DKK to be spent on activities that support the winner’s further teaching development – e.g. participation in relevant conferences, study trip, or retreat with a focus on developing teaching material or writing a paper. Furthermore, the winner’s department will receive a physical prize in the form of a sculpture to be hosted for a year, until the next award-giving.

Objectives
The award is granted to teachers who have made a special effort to initiate, investigate, document, and share experiences about development of their teaching and their students’ learning. The objectives are to encourage DTU teachers to systematically and continuously investigate how various teaching methods support their student learning, to make special efforts to develop teaching and learning methods at DTU visible, and hereby to support the ongoing enhancement of the quality of teaching, learning and education at DTU.

Recipients
The award is granted to individual teachers – or teams of teachers – who have made a special contribution to the development of their teaching to support and enhance their students’ learning. The teachers may – but do not have to – hold a DTU Faculty position.

Criteria
Nomination and selection will be based on the nominee’s description – in English – of the special teaching development effort – including:

- Background, underlying ideas, and expected results
- Sources of inspiration – e.g. existing knowledge, including references about university teaching/engineering education
• Applied teaching methods and grounds for choice of methods
• Methods for collection and analysis of evidence
• Results, including effects on student learning outcome
• Sharing / publication of results (seminars, conferences, journals)

**Award**

- A physical prize in the form of a significant sculpture that is hosted by the winners' department for a year, until the next award-giving. If the award is given to a team of teachers from more than one department, the prize will circulate the departments during the year.
- A travelling scholarship of 25,000 DKK to be spent on activities that supports the winner’s further teaching development – e.g. participation in relevant conferences, study trip, or retreat with a focus on developing teaching material or writing a paper.
- A diploma for the winner (one for each member of a teachers’ team)

**Process**

**Nomination**

The department heads nominate candidates to the Executive Board. Each head of department may nominate up to 3 individual teachers/teachers’ teams (3 “cases”). The nominee’s description of the special effort should be included as an appendix to the nomination (ref. the above mentioned “Criteria”).

The next deadline for nominations is October 1st 2017.

Nominations should be sent by mail with attachments to Dean Martin Vigild, bachelordekan@adm.dtu.dk, cc: Pernille H. Andersson, pea@llab.dtu.dk.

**Assessment**

By an assessment committee with consisting of

- DTU’s deans
- 2-3 teachers from different departments / research areas, with different length of teaching experience, who have themselves worked systematically with teaching development and documentation
- 1-2 external experts in pedagogy and didactics within technical education from DTU’s partner universities
- 1 representative of LearningLab (secretary for the committee)

**Presentation**

The award is bestowed annually at a DTU Seminar for Teaching and Learning, next time 4 December 2017.