



## James A. Gould Excellence in Teaching Orthopedic Physical Therapy Award

- **Purpose:** Recognizes excellence in teaching orthopedic physical therapy.
- **Eligibility:**
  - APTA Orthopedics Member in good standing.
  - Must have previously taught or is currently teaching physical therapy or physical therapy assistant students the principles and clinical applications of Orthopedic Physical Therapy for 5 years or more.
  - The nominee may be either a faculty member (full-time or adjunct) or a clinical instructor of an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant program.
- **Criteria for consideration:**
  - The Awards Committee will consider the following as guidelines in the selection process:
    - The instructor devotes the majority of their professional career to student education.
    - The instructor teaches from a sound, comprehensive, and current knowledge base, integrating basic science with the principles of orthopedic physical therapy.
    - The instructor demonstrates excellence in instructional methods and the ability to motivate students.
    - The instructor is a mentor and role model with evidence of strong student rapport.
    - Teaching materials are innovative and well-designed.
    - Instructional techniques are intellectually challenging and promote retention of necessary knowledge and skills.
    - The instructor demonstrates an ability to relate academic knowledge to clinical practice.
    - The instructor displays objectivity in the evaluation and presentation of ideas, hypotheses, and concepts.
    - The instructor is receptive to student and peer feedback.
- **Required Letters of Support:**
  - A nomination letter from one faculty member of the primary physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program with which the nominee is affiliated.
  - Support statements not to exceed 2 pages from one current and/or former student. The clinical education experience must be full-time for at least six weeks if the nominee is a clinical instructor.
  - The nominee's up-to-date CV
- **Resubmission or Update of Nominations:**
  - If nominators contact the APTA Orthopedics office before the nomination deadline, the Awards Committee will consider nomination packets for award nominees who are not selected in the following year's awards process.

- Nominators have the option to submit the previous nomination packet or provide an updated version.
- **Review and Selection:**
  - Number of awardees:
    - Each award will be presented **only** if qualified candidates are nominated. One awardee per award is standard, however in the case multiple exceptional nominees are submitted for a single award, the committee may recommend up to two awardees for the Board of Directors' consideration.
      - In the instance of multiple proposed awardees, the committee should identify their top choice individual.
  - The Awards Committee and Board Members with conflicts of interest must abstain from voting or recommending award winners.
  - The Awards Committee recommends awardees to APTA Orthopedics Board of Directors by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Awards Notification:**
  - APTA Orthopedics President will notify Award Recipients by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Nominators of individuals selected to receive the award are notified, thanking them for their nomination and inviting them to attend the APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) Awards Ceremony, where they will be introduced along with the recipient during the presentation of the award.
  - The nominators of individuals not selected will be notified in writing thanking them for participating in the APTA Orthopedics awards program and informing them of the award resubmission policy.
- **The Award and its Presentation:**
  - APTA Orthopedics will reimburse awards recipients for round-trip coach airfare from any US location to the conference site in accordance with APTA Orthopedics' CSM Reimbursement Policy.
  - Reimburse one night's lodging at or below the conference hotel's nightly rate and per diem.
  - A plaque recognizing each award recipient.