



## **School of Medicine Inclusive Excellence Award**

The Emory University School of Medicine (SOM) is committed to ensuring a climate of inclusion and belonging. SOM believes it is imperative that members of the SOM community understand and meet the needs of the multicultural and international communities we serve, as well as lead efforts to promote health equity locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.

The SOM Inclusive Excellence Award, led by the School of Medicine Recognitions Committee on behalf of the Dean, was created to recognize SOM faculty who have made significant contributions to advancing inclusion and belonging.

One or more faculty members will be honored with the Inclusive Excellence Award in 2026. Those who have received a similar award in the past 3 years are not eligible.

**Deadline:** Nominations will be accepted through **July 9, 2026**.

**Eligibility:** All faculty with a primary appointment in the SOM.

**Nominations:** Faculty must be nominated by a faculty member, staff member, or trainee of Emory University. The nomination should consist of a concise narrative (500 words or less) describing how the nominee demonstrates inclusive excellence to the benefit of the Emory community and/or the patients we serve and learners we teach. It should include specific examples of the individual's outstanding achievements and contributions towards inclusive excellence by means of service, leadership, research and/or education. Outstanding examples of inclusive excellence can include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting an environment that is welcoming, supportive, and nurturing to all faculty, staff, and learners within SOM
- Engaging in the community with a focus on advancing health equity locally, regionally, or globally
- Mentoring
- Demonstrating leadership in inclusive culture within the SOM
- Initiating innovative approaches to foster inclusion through research, innovation, education, and advocacy

**Submission:** Use the online [Award Nomination Form](#) and include the following:

- Nominating letter (500 words or less)
- Nominee's current Curriculum Vitae
- Optional materials: One additional letter of support (500 words or less)

**Decision:** Will be made by the School of Medicine Recognitions Committee with input from Dr. Heron's Office and approved by the Dean. The faculty member should be in good standing within their respective Department.

Award: The recipient of the School of Medicine Inclusive Excellence Award will be honored during the annual Celebration of Faculty Eminence.

**Questions should be directed to SOM Office of Faculty Academic Affairs and Professional Development at [somfde@emory.edu](mailto:somfde@emory.edu)**