



2019 Innovator Awards Nomination Form

INACOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

AWARD DESCRIPTION:

The iNACOL Teacher of the Year Award is given to a K-12 educator whose efforts as a **personalized learning teacher** exemplify to the highest degree their commitment to student success, knowledge and skill as a professional educator, and dedication to his or her students.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Teaching candidate must currently be serving (at the time the application is submitted) as a personalized learning teacher in grades K-12.
- At least 75% of the teacher's instructional time is spent as an educator working in a personalized learning environment.
- The nomination of an individual can be submitted by the individual or by a reference who is able to support the nomination through personal involvement with the nominee.
- Nominees for this award are not eligible for the iNACOL Outstanding Individual Contribution to Personalized Learning Award during the same award year.
- The nominator, and their affiliated organization, may only nominate one teacher for this award.

To better understand iNACOL's definition of Personalized Learning and what it looks like in practice, we encourage you to read the report, [What's Possible with Personalized Learning](#).

NOMINEE

Individual

Organization/Institution Name

Title

Street Address

City/State/Postal Code/Country

Telephone

Email

NOMINATOR

Name(s)

Title

Program/Organization

Street Address

City/State/Postal Code/Country

Telephone

E-mail

PUBLICATION AUTHORIZATION

1) In the event that this program receives an iNACOL Award, (I) (we) hereby grant permission to iNACOL to publish, copy and distribute materials as submitted for this award and, if available online, add a link to this program on the iNACOL web site.

Signature

Printed name

In the event this nomination is chosen for an award, please notify the following individuals in addition to the nominator(s):

HEAD OF SCHOOL / PROGRAM

Name

Title

Organization/Institution

Address

City/State/Postal Code/Country

Email**COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

Name

Title

Organization/Institution

Address

City/State/Postal Code/Country

E-mail**SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

The nomination of an individual can be submitted by the individual or by a reference who is able to support the nomination through personal involvement with the nominee. In addition to filling out the nomination form, please submit the following supporting materials:

1. Resume / Vitae for the nominee.
2. Employment information that includes:
 - Name of school/program where teacher is employed; and
 - Signed statement from school/program head verifying that candidate meets the eligibility criteria.
3. A 3-7 minute narrative video from the nominee that specifically addresses the following:
 - A. Transitioning to Personalized Teaching
 - Factors that led him/her to becoming a personalized teacher.
 - Describe how teaching in a personalized learning setting has improved his/her instructional skills.

- Describe a challenge(s) that was faced when becoming a personalized teacher, and how he/she overcame the challenge(s).

B. Evidence of Instructional Skill

- What technologies are utilized to engage students and foster learning?
- Detail the frequency and type of interaction with students, parents and school leaders that is provided in an effort to foster student success.
- How is instruction tailored to meet students' individual strengths, needs and interests — including enabling student voice and choice in how, when and where they learn — to provide flexibility and supports to ensure mastery of the highest standards possible?
- How is student performance data gathered, analyzed, and utilized to inform instructional practices?
- What evidence of student achievement exists that supports the notion of being an outstanding personalized learning teacher?
- What other awards or personal recognitions have been earned by the candidate?

C. Opinions on the Field

- Describe the candidate's greatest contribution to the field of personalized learning.
- What concerns does the candidate have regarding the current or future state of personalized learning?

D. Provide up to three testimonials to support this nomination. Testimonials may come from, but are not limited to, students, parents and school administration. Note – testimonials may be included in the video or sent as a separate attachment to the overall nomination.

SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION

This application form, along with all supporting materials, must be submitted in digital format. Please follow these directions carefully and abide by all required dates:

Step 1. Intent to Nominate

The **Nominator** should send an email to awards@inacol.org **no later than 8:00pm ET, August 31, 2019** with a nomination statement that includes the following information:

- Nominator's contact information (name, organization, title, phone, email)
- The name of the nominee (name, organization, title, phone, email), and
- The award category that you are nominating the person for.

Step 2. Submitting the Application and Supporting Materials

After receiving your Intent to Nominate email, you will receive an email with directions on how to digitally submit the awards application form and all supporting materials into a common cloud-based folder. This will be the only method for accepting nominations. Mailed hardcopies or applications sent via email will not be considered.

All awards applications and accompanying materials must be uploaded into the shared folder that is created for you **no later than 8:00pm ET, September 7, 2019**.

All nominations will be reviewed by members of the iNACOL Awards Committee. The Awards will be announced during the iNACOL Symposium 2019, October 24-28, 2019 in Palm Springs, CA. Award winners will be notified in advance.

All questions should be submitted to awards@inacol.org.