Purpose:

The Provost Excellence in Student Learning Outcomes Award recognizes an academic degree program that is committed to best practices in assessment, improving student learning, and continuous program improvement.

Nomination Process:

Annually, each college or degree-granting unit can select one program to be nominated for the award. The college or degree-granting unit submits the program nomination form to the Office of Educational Effectiveness Assessment. Each program will be reviewed by the award committee.

Who is Eligible?

Only degree granting-programs are eligible (including all nine colleges, the Golisano Institute of Sustainability and the School of Individualized Study). The program shall not have been a recipient of this award in the preceding three years.

Nomination deadline: January 22, 2021

Name of Program: ____________________________________________________________

College/Department: __________________________________________________________

Please Complete Each Section. The Program Must Meet or Exceed the Following Criteria:

I. Involve Stakeholders in Assessment

- Identify and clearly share high quality program goals and student learning outcomes
- Demonstrate engagement of program faculty in planning, collecting data, interpreting data, and using results to make improvements to curriculum, instruction, or assessment practices
- Share results and recommendations for improvements with internal and external stakeholders
Describe methods used by the program to involve stakeholders in assessment (please address all criteria listed above).

II. Establish Effective Assessment Planning and Implementation Processes

- Advocate for high standards in defining academic quality
- Clearly articulate how program level student learning outcomes are assessed
- Utilize effective data collection tools and approaches
- Implement direct assessment methods consistent with best practices
- Establish appropriate benchmarks for program/degree level
- Implement a sustainable and annual data collection process
- Utilize assessment management system (Taskstream) to archive and track findings/results, recommendations, and action steps

Describe the program’s assessment planning and implementation process and outline how it meets the effectiveness criteria.

III. Demonstrate Continuous Improvement

- Provide evidence of a consistent (multi-year) use of student learning and program assessment results to guide improvements to curriculum, instruction, services, etc.
- Evaluate the usefulness of assessment efforts and strategies to guide changes when needed (are you assessing your assessment processes)
- Demonstrate a culture of assessment within the college/campus

How does this program demonstrate continuous improvement?

Nominator Name: _____________________________________________________________
Nominator Title: _________________________________ Email: _______________________
Program Nomination Reference: Name/Email: ________________________________