

An overview of the criteria and proposed incentives for the newly created award to acknowledge strong work in assessment in the FAMU Community.

# 2020-2021 Assessment Champion Award

Award Proposal from the Office  
of University Assessment

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## **Purpose**

The Office of University Assessment (OUA) has been tasked with monitoring and facilitating robust assessment of educational outcomes at Florida A&M University. To fulfill these charges the OUA has developed methods to enhance assessment and assessment practices. Some of the notable recent actions include: revision of the STARS Assessment Rubric to provide more in-depth feedback for improvement; expansion of the training offered to Colleges/Schools and Divisions; transition to the Nuventive assessment platform; and, the inaugural Assessment Day mini-conference. With an eye to the future, the OUA intends to continue the current efforts and to implement a new award to incentivize quality assessment and continuous improvement.

The next phase in the plan to grow the culture of assessment at FAMU is the Assessment Champion Award that will be granted beginning Fall 2020. The OUA will acknowledge one Instructional Program and one ADESU as Assessment Champions annually for their work related to assessment. Our Assessment Champions and the areas they represent, will be acknowledged because they actively engage with the assessment process and assessment data to make meaningful, intentional strides to continuous improvement on campus.

## **Criteria**

To receive the Assessment Champion Award units must:

- Have an Assessment Quality rating of 3.5 or above for the Assessment Plan and Assessment Report
- Have submitted their Assessment Plan and Assessment Reports on time\*
- Have attended at least 5 Assessment-related events/activities (Assessment Workshops/Training Sessions/Brown Bag/One-on-One Sessions)

*\*For the 2018-2019 Assessment Plans the official due date was October 15, 2019. For the 2019-2020 Assessment Plan the official due date was October 31, 2019.*

## **Potential Awards**

To acknowledge the Assessment Champions the OUA would like to offer a monetary award\* to the department/division that the Assessment Champions represent. This nominal monetary award would be given to departments/divisions to invest in their assessment process. Additionally, we would like to give our Assessment Champions a plaque or other award to acknowledge their work.

*\*If a monetary award is given, departments/divisions will be required to apply for the Assessment Champion Award. Also, Assessment Champion Award recipients will be required to present at the Assessment Day conference for the following year.*

## **Ways to Support**

Your support is integral to the OUA successfully implementing the Assessment Champion Award. While we have the spirit and dedication necessary to administer the Assessment Champion Award process, we need monetary support to provide the incentives we would like to provide for award recipients. Please contact Melanie Wicinski, Director, Office of University Assessment to discuss ways that you can help. Thank you!