



CSHEMA INNOVATION AWARD

The CSHEMA Innovation Award seeks to honor the innovative achievements of higher education institutions of each constituent type (community colleges, comprehensive and doctoral institutions, research universities and small institutions) in three categories: process improvement, resource enhancement, and safety culture.

Judges will be evaluating:

- A specific safety project and its ability to improve health and safety concerns
- Scope of project including cost to implement, method of implementation, and cost effectiveness
- Organization and presentation of material for evaluation
- Flexibility of the program to be adapted at other institutions
- Additional information as requested below for each category

Process Improvement

Recognizes:

- 1) Successfully designed or re-engineered program.
- 2) Innovative method of training or educational course (e.g. seminars, online)

Additional judging information:

- Number of attendees/percentage of required attendees
- Observable and quantifiable changes in behavior (e.g. 75% fewer needle sticks)

- 3) Improving service delivery method in response to a campus need

Resource Enhancement

Recognize EH&S programs that have successfully reduced costs, increased revenues or improved environment, developed/created a sustainability initiative in response to a campus need

Additional judging information:

- Measurable and documented monetary savings
- Measurable and documented reduction in impact to the environment

Safety Culture

Recognize institutional practices of faculty, staff, and students who are prompting a culture of safety.

Additional information requirements:

- Faculty, staff and student names and titles, etc.

- How safety was incorporated into the project/program
- Observable and quantifiable changes in the culture
- Learning experiences that could be transferred to other Institutions and help facilitate others in this initiative.

Application Requirements

To be eligible to receive the award, the following requirements must be met:

1. The applicant must be a CSHEMA institutional member in good standing
2. The CSHEMA primary representative must endorse the application.
3. The complete application must accompany a narrative.
4. Application must include the "Category" and "Area" for which they are applying (e.g. Process Improvement: Training program)

The narrative may be no more than 5 double-spaced pages using a minimum font size of 12 points. Screenshots and photos may be included if it helps the evaluator understand the effort. Institutions may submit multiple entries.

How to Submit Your Entry

1. Entries must be received by March 31.
2. Entries must be submitted online at <http://cshema.wufoo.com/forms/z7x3k1>
3. Entries should be one file, preferably PDF, and the file size should be as small as possible. Entries sent in any other format will not be accepted.

Awards

Members of the Awards and Recognition Committee and a representative from the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) will review entries for recognition. If the Institution of an Awards and Recognition committee member submits an application, the member shall recuse themselves from evaluating and voting. Recognition will be given for each category that meets the above criteria.

Recognition award will be presented to the submitting institution's representative at the awards ceremony at the annual conference. CSHEMA will forward a letter of recognition to the institution and the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. APLU will announce the award winners at the APLU Council on Research Summer Meeting following the CSHEMA annual conference.

Evaluation (100 points possible)

- 0-20 points: identification of a specific safety problem and what affect it has had (or would have had) on the institution.
- 0-50 points - cost and method of implementation for the unique or innovative correction program and its cost effectiveness.
- 0-15 points - organization and presentation of material for evaluation and review.
- 0-15 points - applicability at other institutions.