

Policy: Student Clinical Placement Award

Purpose	To recognize students who have demonstrated exceptional performance at the current placement level in the following areas: practice knowledge, clinical reasoning, communication, professional interactions, performance management and professional development.
Policy Statement	<p>Candidates are nominated on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice knowledge: Use of theoretical, researchbased and tacit knowledge in response to client/patient needs and intervention planning.• Clinical reasoning: Ability to apply the art and science of the profession in using task analysis as a clinical reasoning tool.• Communication: Ability to exchange information and ideas, using appropriate verbal and non-verbal behaviours, while limiting physical and psychological barriers to collaborative communication.• Professional interactions: Client-centred service underpins all formal and informal interactions with clients/patients and/or their proxies, thus creating collaborative interaction.• Performance management: Ability to use a forward-looking process for setting goals and regularly checking progress towards achieving measurable goals.• Professional development: Investment in attaining both personal development and career advancement demonstrated by taking advantage of both informal and formal learning opportunities. <p>An occupational therapy student can be nominated at any time during the current academic year; applications are accepted throughout the year until October 1. Nominations are reviewed once a year.</p>

Requisites for Nomination	Nominees must be a current student of the Occupational Therapy program at the University of Alberta completing a final placement before October 1.
	<p>A letter of nomination and completion of the nomination form outlining why the Occupational Therapy student is being nominated is required from a clinical preceptor.</p> <p>The award is given in cooperation with the University of Alberta.</p>
Award	<p>Letter of Recognition from SAOT President. Announcement on SAOT website and in newsletters. Recognition at the annual SAOT AGM.</p>
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nomination form obtained from SAOT website and/or student packages provided by the University of Alberta. 2. Nominator completes the form, outlining specific areas of strength and skills (no more than 300 words). 3. Nominee's contact information is provided as well as date, type and level of clinical placement. 4. Signature of nominator(s). 5. Submission of nomination to the Chairperson of the SAOT Awards and Grants Committee by October 1 (by email, fax or mail). 6. Awards and Grants Committee screen and select appropriate candidate(s) within 30 days of the submission deadline. 7. Upon selection, the Committee submit successful candidates to the SAOT Board for update. 8. The Executive Director informs the successful candidate(s) of their selection prior to the annual AGM.

	9. The Executive Director obtains recipient permission in writing to publicize on the SAOT website and in e-newsletters.
Approval Level Required for Policy	Board of Directors
Circulation of Documents	SAOT President (president@saot.ca)
	Committee Members

Date Approved	
Approved by	Board of Directors: <u>Laura Budzyk</u> Authorized Signature: <u>LAURA BUDZYK president</u> (Printed Name and Position)

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