



## **Pioneer Award for Breaking New Ground (in/with) your CPD**

This award recognizes the pioneer spirit and accomplishments resulting from out-of-the box thinking and creative endeavors, infrastructures, or processes that demonstrate excellence in accomplishing the organization's program goals. They could include a creative way to plan educational activities/interventions; an original way to structure a CPD program; or other innovative ways to improve processes related to continuing education for health professionals within the CPD department or organization. These accomplishments should be sustainable, replicable, and scalable. Further examples of Pioneer Award accomplishments include:

- Innovative engagement of the healthcare team in planning of activities
- Contemporary way of working with the accredited CE committee
- Cutting edge ways of planning and evaluating accredited CE activities
- Creative way of incorporating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion into the overall CE program comprehensively, not just in accredited CE activities

### **Instructions**

To ensure completeness, your application **MUST** include the following:

1. Applicant Information
2. Nominee Information
3. Award Narrative & Attachments
4. Verification statements that:
  - a. Nominees represent the organizations referenced in the application.
  - b. If applicable, commercial support was received in accordance with recognized standards (ACCME, ACPE, ANCC, Joint Accreditation, AdvaMed, PhRMA Code, OIG/FDA). Please include verification of disclosure to learners (page from brochure, syllabus, etc.).
5. Nominator Acknowledgment
6. Submission Agreement

### **Notes:**

- The endeavor must have been initiated between January 1, 2022, and July 31, 2023.
- At the time of the application submission, the endeavor, infrastructure or process must have been sufficiently developed to include a report on the impact of the improvement / creative approach.
- You must provide analysis to demonstrate effectiveness or impact.
- Verification that the initiative has not been nominated for another Alliance award given at the same annual conference will be done by the Alliance Awards committee.

### **Award Narrative & Attachments**

The Narrative (limited to three (3) pages) must include the following:

1. Brief introduction/summary of the endeavor, infrastructure or process

2. How the endeavor, infrastructure or process was funded (to include internal budget allocations, or financial and in-kind support).
3. Brief explanation of what prompted the endeavor, infrastructure or process. This may be a description of the "journey"- how the endeavor, infrastructure or process started, how it provided improvement, lessons learned, limitations, and opportunities for future development.
4. Listing of the roles of each stakeholder in the endeavor, infrastructure or process such as leadership, faculty, and/or staff. If you engaged an outside organization/partner for this endeavor, please describe.
5. How the initiative and its various components are linked to the [Alliance's National Learning Competencies](#)
6. How the endeavor, infrastructure or process (or related improvements) will or can be:
  - a. Sustained
  - b. Scaled to a larger group
  - c. Replicated by the nominee or other providers
  - d. Disseminated to the field of others who may leverage this innovation
7. Why this endeavor, infrastructure or process should be considered as a model for excellence in breaking new ground / creativity.

\*\*Optional: attachments (limited to eight (8) pages) which provide additional details related to the endeavor.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

In evaluating nominations in this category, the Awards Committee will consider the following aspects:

1. Completeness and Accuracy of Application:
  - a. Thoroughness and completeness of the application materials.
  - b. Accuracy and reliability of the information provided.
2. Linkage to the [Alliance's National Learning Competencies](#).
3. How the endeavor, infrastructure or process (or related improvements) will or can be sustained, scaled to a larger group, and replicated by the nominee or other providers.
4. Status as a model approach (i.e., an approach worthy of being replicated, or concept that can be utilized by others).
5. Impact that has detailed plans to be a publishable manuscript or has already been disseminated publicly.
6. Lessons learned, limitations and opportunities for future endeavor, infrastructure or process development.

### **Conflict of Interest Mitigation**

Members of the Awards Committee shall recuse themselves from discussions and decisions involving nominations for which they are an employee of the nominee or financial supporter of the nomination.

### **Recognition**

This award, if a submission is selected, will be presented to the winning qualified applicant at the 2024 Annual Conference (Feb 5-8, 2024). The winning applicant will receive a plaque, one complimentary annual conference registration, the opportunity to submit an e-poster, and the option to submit an *Almanac* article about the project.