
Educators Academy Membership Application and Agreement – Fellow and Education Scholar Levels

Complete this form and submit all required documents via email to EdAcad@uams.edu or campus mail to the attention of Educators Academy, Slot 595. Please save copies of your application and all required documents for your records.

Application (please type or print clearly)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Degrees / Certifications: _____

Title / Rank: _____

College: _____

Dept: _____ Slot Number: _____

Email: _____ Office phone: _____

Please indicate the membership level for which you are applying:

_____ Fellow

_____ Education Scholar

Agreement

Please read the following conditions of agreement. Sign your name and date on the spaces provided.

"I understand that membership at the Fellow and Education Scholar levels in the Educators Academy carries an obligation to:

- Maintain the highest caliber of work in teaching and education.
- Support the Educators Academy mission and goals by:
 - Providing at least 5 hours of service annually to the Academy.
 - Attending at least 50% of Academy-wide events over a two-year period.

I agree to meet these requirements."

Signature (electronic signature accepted)

Date

Application Checklist

Use the following checklist to ensure that your application packet is complete. Application requirements for each level are listed for your convenience.

Protégé

- Request membership via email (EdAcad@uams.edu) or phone (501.526.4729)
- Support letter from faculty mentor

Associate

- Request membership via email (EdAcad@uams.edu) or phone (501.526.4729)

Fellow

- Completed membership application and agreement
- Curriculum vitae
- Support letter from department/division chair
- Teaching philosophy statement
- Evidence of scholarly teaching
- Completion certificates for the UAMS Education Curriculum (See page 5) or comparable experience

Education Scholar

- Completed membership application and agreement
- Curriculum vitae
- Support letter from department/division chair
- Teaching philosophy statement
- Evidence of scholarly teaching
- Evidence of educational scholarship
- Evidence of service as a teaching peer reviewer/coach

UAMS Educators Academy Membership Track

All UAMS employees with an interest in education are invited to join the Educators Academy. Membership is free and provides numerous avenues for faculty to engage in sharing teaching and learning ideas as well as education scholarship through networking and collaborating. The Educators Academy offers four levels of membership, outlined below.

Protégé Level

Eligibility Requirements

- Have an interest in the education process
- Request membership
- Support letter from faculty mentor

Applicants must be one of the following, in good standing:

- Doctoral student
- Post-doctoral fellow
- Medical resident
- Medical fellow

Benefits of Protégé-Level Membership

Members at this level:

- Are able to attend Educators Academy workshops and access online modules, leading to the Educators Academy Basic Teaching certificate.
- Receive guidance writing a teaching philosophy statement.
- Receive assistance developing an educator portfolio.

Required Information for Application

- Request to join via email (EdAcad@uams.edu) or telephone (501.526.4279)
- Support letter from faculty mentor agreeing to the student's involvement in the Educators Academy

Associate Level

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for this level, applicants must:

- Have an interest in the education process
- Request membership

Benefits of Associate-Level Membership

Members at this level:

- Are eligible to apply for UAMS' **Teaching Scholars** program
- Are eligible to apply for Educators Academy grants (in development)
- May attend teaching workshops

and can receive individual help to

- Write a teaching philosophy statement
- Develop an educator portfolio
- Document scholarly teaching

Expectations at the Associate Level

If an Associate member of the Academy is interested in advancing to the Fellow or Education Scholar level, he or she is expected to:

- Complete UAMS' online course **Teaching Skills**, or comparable experience. The Teaching Skills course contains the following lessons:
 - Adult Learning Principles
 - Developing Learning Objectives
 - Assessment
 - Providing Feedback
 - Copyright Good Habits
- Complete at least seven workshops in the **UAMS Education Curriculum** (See page 5 for the list of workshops).
- Develop a teaching philosophy statement.
- Develop an educator portfolio.
- Seek and obtain peer feedback on teaching and teaching materials.
- Document scholarly teaching.

Required for Application

Request membership via email (EdAcad@uams.edu) or telephone (526-4279).

Fellow Level

Benefits of Fellow-Level Membership

Members at this level receive/can:

- Eligibility to apply for Educators Academy grant (in development)
- Individualized mentoring for educational scholarship.
- Learn to peer review teaching
- Learn to peer review teaching materials
- Recognition in promotion and tenure applications

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for this level, applicants must:

- Be UAMS employee ≥ 2 years.
- Provide evidence of scholarly teaching.
- Evidence of completion of at least seven of the **UAMS Education Curriculum** workshops below, or comparable experience.
 - How People Learn and Effective Teaching Practices
 - Active Learning Strategies
 - Basics of Face-to-Face Course Design
 - Blackboard Basics
 - Introduction to Teaching with Technology - Using Technology to Enhance and Extend Student Learning
 - Principles of Classroom Management
 - Basic PowerPoint Skills and Tips
 - Aligning Objectives, Activities and Assessment
 - Ways to Assess Student Learning and Real-time Adjustments
 - Giving (and Getting) Feedback
 - Writing Multiple-Choice Test Items and Test Quality: Psychometrics, Validity, & Reliability
 - Writing and Evaluating Non-Multiple-Choice Test Items
 - Curriculum Design/Mapping

Advanced Topics

- Conferencing with Difficult Students
- Developing an Educator Portfolio
- Educational Leadership
- Facilitating Discussions
- Mentoring and Advising Students

Required for Application

Include the following items in your application packet. Please keep a copy of the completed packet for your records.

- Completed membership application and agreement
- Curriculum vitae
- Support letter from department or division chair
- Teaching philosophy statement
- Evidence of scholarly teaching
- Certificates of completion for at least seven workshops in the **UAMS Education Curriculum**, or comparable experience

Expectations at the Fellow Level

At this level, members are expected to:

- Contribute at least five hours annually to the Educators Academy through one or more of the following:
 - Serve as a peer teaching reviewer and/or teaching materials reviewer.
 - Make presentations on education topics to other UAMS employees.
 - Educators Academy committee work.
- Attend and graduate from the UAMS **Teaching Scholars** program or comparable experience.
- Complete an additional three or more workshops from the **UAMS Education Curriculum**.

Education Scholar Level

Benefits of Education Scholar-Level Membership

Members at this level receive:

- Eligibility to apply for Educators Academy grants (in development)
- Recognition in promotion and tenure applications

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for membership at this level, applicants must:

- Be UAMS employee ≥ 2 years.
- Provide evidence of continuous scholarly educational activities (e.g., educational research, education administration, curriculum development).
- Provide evidence of disseminated educational scholarship (minimum of at least one, off-campus, education-related, peer-reviewed publication or presentation)
- Provide evidence of serving as a peer teaching reviewer and/or teaching materials reviewer.

Required for Application

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- Completed membership application and agreement
- Curriculum vitae
- Support letter from department or division chair
- Teaching philosophy statement
- Evidence of scholarly teaching
- Evidence of educational scholarship (minimum of at least one, off-campus education-related, peer-reviewed publication or presentation)
- Evidence of service as a teaching peer reviewer/coach

Expectations at the Education Scholar Level

At this level, members are expected to:

- Contribute at least five hours annually to the Educators Academy through one or more of the following
 - Serve as a peer teaching reviewer/teaching coach.
 - Make presentations on education topics to other faculty members.
 - Educators Academy committee work.
- Continue documenting scholarly teaching.
- Maintain a record of scholarly publications and dissemination.
- Earn or have earned recognition at the national / international level as an education scholar.

UAMS Educators Academy Membership Track Summary Table

The Educators Academy offers four levels of membership. The levels and requirements for each are outlined below.

Protégé	Benefits	Expectations to Advance	Required for Application
Doctoral student Post-doctoral Fellow Medical Resident Medical Fellow in good standing	Attendance at Educators Academy events leading to the Basic Teaching certificate Guidance developing a teaching philosophy statement Assistance creating educator portfolio	Complete "Introduction to Teaching Skills" course or comparable experience Develop teaching philosophy statement Develop educator portfolio Complete "UAMS Education Curriculum" Engage with a teaching observer Have teaching materials peer reviewed Develop evidence of scholarly teaching	Membership request via telephone or email Support letter from faculty mentor
Associate			
UAMS employee with an interest in education	Eligible for Teaching Scholars program Eligible for Educators Academy grants Receive help developing a teaching philosophy statement Receive help developing a portfolio Recognition in promotion and tenure applications	Service to UAMS through the Academy Attend and graduate from Teaching Scholars program or comparable experience	Membership request via telephone or email
Fellow			
UAMS employee ≥2 years Evidence of scholarly teaching Certificate of completion for the UAMS Education Curriculum or comparable experience	Eligibility for Educators Academy grants Learn to peer review teaching Learn to peer review teaching materials Individualized mentoring for educational scholarship Recognition in promotion and tenure applications	Service to UAMS through the Academy Attend and graduate from Teaching Scholars program or comparable experience	Completed membership application Curriculum vitae Support letter from department/division chair Teaching philosophy statement Evidence of scholarly teaching Completion certificate for the UAMS Education Curriculum or comparable experience
Education Scholar			
UAMS employee ≥2 years Evidence of scholarly teaching Evidence of educational scholarship (at least one peer-reviewed publication or presentation) Evidence of service as teaching peer reviewer	Eligibility to apply for Educators Academy grants Recognition in promotion and tenure applications	Service to UAMS through the Academy Continue documenting scholarly teaching Maintain a record of scholarly publications and dissemination Recognition at the national/international level as an education scholar	Completed membership application Curriculum vitae Support letter from department/division chair Teaching philosophy statement Evidence of scholarly teaching Evidence of educational scholarship Evidence of service as a peer teaching and/or materials reviewer

