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Tips for Success when Applying for Global Recognition Through the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence award program



The UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence award program is a global, prestigious award program that, through 8 prestigious program partners, including Abbott, International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC), Association for Diagnostics and Laboratory Medicine (ADLM), Modern Healthcare, National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ), European Health Management Association (EHMA), Institute of Health Economics (IHE), Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), seeks to recognize, amplify, and celebrate best practices in healthcare that are facilitated by laboratory medicine.

Laboratory medicine is essential to health care and a strategic asset for maximizing value and improving healthcare delivery. The opportunity to showcase and celebrate cross-disciplinary achievements associated with measurable differences in health care is unique, rewarding, and elevating for laboratory medicine.

On August 1st, 2024, the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence award program opens the 2025 application process, enabling online submissions through until November 15th, 2024 via the UNIVANTS website. For those looking for recommendations on how to maximize your potential application, see below for relevant tips and best practices associated with applications for the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence award program.

Tip 1: Closely review eligibility criteria and program requirements.

Ensuring program eligibility is a crucial first step when applying to UNIVANTS. Eligibility criteria and requirements are available at www.UnivantsHCE.com. The website offers links to a reference guide and multiple tools that help support the application process, with additional insights, tips and howto's for highlighting the value of your work through UNIVANTS.

Tip 2. Proofread all content for clarity, legibility, and completeness.

Ensuring that all aspects of your application are clear, legible and complete is a simple and easy way to ensure that your clinical care initiative and associated outcomes are more readily understood. The terminology used within the application should be easy to understand and globally relevant. As such, be sure to define all acronyms and avoid short-hand or local terms that might not be universally understood.

Tip 3. Learn from other best practices.

The UNIVANTS website proudly highlights [example best practices](#) from years prior who have been recognized by the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence awards. Learning from previous examples, where teams have successfully achieved measurably better healthcare with global recognition through the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence award program. Also note that the existing best practices can serve as templates for not only excellent metrics, but as ideation for best practices themselves. The UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence program welcomes repeat themes across sites and geographies, rewarding measurably change over novelty.

Tip 4. Ask for help when needed.

The UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence awards is a team award. Involving and utilizing the expertise of each team member when creating the application is important for optimizing ideas and highlighting the impact of the best practice being submitted for recognition. The UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Program also has a dedicated email to support questions about the award process UNIVANTSofHealthcareExcellence@abbott.com.

Tip 5. Submit at least 2 weeks before the deadline

In advance of judge review, an administrative team reviews all applications for minimum award requirements. Applications submitted at least 2 weeks in advance of the program deadline (i.e., by November 1st) are often given the opportunity to resolve gap(s) and/or provide additional clarity, if needed. Thus, by submitting applications early, applicants have additional opportunities to ensure a favorable outcome upon judge assessment.

If you and/or your integrated clinical care team want to learn more and/or apply for this prestigious awards, now is the time to start! Start thinking through your abstract and begin summarizing and collecting metrics/KPIs. And visit the [UNIVANTS website](#) for best practice examples and [guidance documents and checklists](#) to maximize your application and chances of top recognition.