Peter H. Arger, MD, Excellence in Medical Student Education Award

The Peter H. Arger, MD, Excellence in Medical Student Education Award was established in 2013, with its first presentation occurring at the 2014 AIUM Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr Arger has contributed much to the AIUM and to the growth of diagnostic ultrasound, but his true passion has been ultrasound education. This annual presentation honors an individual whose outstanding contributions to the development of medical ultrasound education warrant special merit.

Creagh T. Boulger, MD, FAIUM

Throughout her career, Creagh T. Boulger, MD, FAIUM, has excelled at providing education. Even during her residency, she was the Chief Resident at the Ohio State University Medical Center. Now, Dr Boulger is an associate professor, Associate Ultrasound Director, Medical Director of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, Portfolio Coach, Assistant Director of the Trained Simulated Ultrasound Patient Pool, and Fellowship Director. In addition, she also serves on too many committees, councils, and advisory boards to list.

Of particular note, Dr Boulger has worked to ensure that students have multiple avenues to learning. In 2014, Dr Boulger was a co-founder of the National Ultrasound Student Interest Group, a student-led organization promoting ultrasound in undergraduate medical education. Since 2015, she has also been Chair of the AIUM’s Sonoslam Planning Committee, developing a competition for medical ultrasound students, and since 2018, has been a member of the women’s mentorship group, RAFFT. Then, in 2020, she was co-creator of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine’s Online Ultrasound Learning Management System for the Academy of Emergency Ultrasound.

Dr Boulger doesn’t just limit herself to students, she also helps lifelong learners. She is a co-founder and host of the Ultrasound G.E.L. (Gathering Evidence from the Literature) podcast, which disseminates information that can be used to improve ultrasound practices. In addition, Dr Boulger has contributed to hospital policies and guidelines, helping to ensure that students, teachers, and staff alike can provide their patients the best possible care.

As a reflection of her relentless work in helping students succeed, Dr. Boulger has earned numerous awards, such as the Excellence in Teaching Award (2013) from the Department of Emergency Medicine; Professor of the Year (2017) from the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, College of Medicine; and the American College of Emergency Physicians National Faculty Teacher Award (2020). And those are just a small sample of the many awards she has won for teaching, leadership, innovation, and clinical excellence.
The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) is proud to add to Dr Boulger’s accolades with the 2022 Peter H. Arger, MD, Excellence in Medical Student Education Award. She has shown that she thoroughly exemplifies an individual with outstanding contributions to the development of medical ultrasound education.