

# Congratulating HMS Excellence in Clinical Instruction Faculty Award

Ryan E. Nelson, MD



**Ryan E. Nelson, MD**, has been selected for the **Excellence in Clinical Instruction Faculty Award** by the **Harvard Medical School Class of 2026**. The Excellence in Clinical Instruction Faculty Award is voted on by the Harvard Medical School graduating class each year and recognizes one faculty member across all Harvard-affiliated teaching sites and specialties for outstanding clinical teaching and student mentorship.

Dr. Nelson is an academic hospitalist in the **Division of General Medicine** and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He serves as Associate Site Clerkship Director and a Core Faculty member for the Medicine Clerkship at Harvard Medical

School and is the Director of the Immersion in Hospital Medicine Elective for the Internal Medicine Residency Program. Nationally, he has served on the Society of Hospital Medicine's (SHM) Physicians in Training Committee and currently serves on SHM's Academic Committee. Dr. Nelson is a graduate of the Rabkin Fellowship in Medical Education at BIDMC, and his research focuses on whiteboard-based education, hospital medicine-focused education in residency, and trainee and early-career physician mentorship.

Dr. Nelson is a gifted and devoted educator. Below are two quotes from HMS graduates who nominated him for the award:

*"Dr. Nelson has been one of the most formative mentors in my development as a medical student, shaping both my scholarly identity and my approach to patient-centered care. His mentorship has accelerated my growth from learner to contributor by pairing high expectations with consistent encouragement and thoughtful guidance."*

*"Dr. Nelson has been a trusted advisor as I navigate medical school and prepare for residency. His openness about career decisions, leadership, and team dynamics has made him an invaluable role model. He consistently demonstrates humility, intellectual curiosity, and dedication to mentorship. Dr. Nelson's investment in my growth has profoundly shaped my trajectory as a future physician-scholar, and I am deeply grateful for his mentorship."*