

University of Regina Award of Excellence in Experiential Learning

Award Guidelines

The University of Regina Award of Excellence in Experiential Learning recognizes outstanding achievement by those engaged in the development and facilitation of experiential learning activities, which may include (but are not limited to) co-curricular activities (e.g., internships, volunteer experiences, competitions, accelerators), work-integrated activities (e.g., co-op placements, consulting, practicums, partnered capstone projects), curriculum-integrated activities (e.g., creative performances, project-based learning, case studies, labs, studios), research-based activities (e.g., course-based research, research assistantships), and community-engaged activities. This award will be given annually to an individual who has displayed excellence in leadership and innovation with such initiatives to benefit undergraduate and/or graduate students at the University of Regina including its three Federated Colleges (Campion College, First Nations University of Canada, and Luther College.)

Recipients will receive a framed certificate and \$2,000 to be used by the recipient in support of teaching activities and professional development in teaching. Recipients will also be invited by the CTL to deliver a public lecture on the pedagogical aspects of their experiential learning activities.

Award Criteria

Candidates include all current faculty, instructors, and sessional lecturers employed by the University of Regina or its Federated Colleges. An individual may only be nominated for one CTL teaching award per year. Recipients may be nominated again five (5) years after receiving the award.

Over their most recent years of teaching at the University of Regina and/or its Federated Colleges, candidates are expected to have demonstrated some or all of the following:

- The ability to interest, engage, excite, inspire, and motivate students through experiential learning initiatives.
- The ability to establish and/or maintain community, workplace, and/or research-based relationships for the advancement of student learning.
- A commitment to experiential teaching and learning strategies.
- A commitment to support students through all stages of their experiential learning.
- Contributions to the enhancement of educational activities of the University of Regina and its Federated Colleges.
- Evidence of student learning, and not just student satisfaction.

Application Procedure

- Candidates must be nominated by a dean, associate dean, department head, academic staff member, or alum of the University of Regina or its Federated Colleges who can attest to the nominee's excellence in experiential learning initiatives.
- A nomination letter will be completed by the nominator to explain how the candidate has displayed excellence in experiential learning, as well as demonstrated evidence of pedagogical growth and development. The nomination letter should discuss the candidate's teaching, mentoring, and/or educational leadership and highlight compelling evidence that demonstrates impact on and enhancement of the student's learning experience.
- A nomination portfolio will be constructed by the nominee to showcase the best possible evidence for outstanding contributions to experiential teaching and learning. The portfolio, with a maximum length of ten pages, should include a teaching philosophy statement and evidence of teaching and/or leadership in the area of experiential learning. Alternative formats for supporting documentation (e.g., multimedia, video, etc.) are also welcome.
- Up to four support letters (in addition to the nomination letter) may be provided. These should include at least one letter from a colleague and at least two letters from former students. Students who provide letters of support must not currently be students of the candidate.
- The candidate's curriculum vitae.
- The nomination letter, the curriculum vitae, the nomination portfolio, and the support letters must be submitted electronically via the provided submission link on the CTL webpage.

Adjudication

- Nominations will be reviewed by an adjudication committee. The adjudication committee will comprise four faculty members of the CTL Advisory Committee, a senior Educational Developer from CTL, and the CTL Director. These faculty members will normally be from different Faculties and must have no conflict of interest with the nominees. The CTL Director will chair the adjudication committee.
- The adjudication committee makes recommendations to the University President. The committee chair will forward the names of the nominees recommended by the adjudication committee to the University President for the President's endorsement.