

University of Regina Award of Excellence in Public Education and Outreach

Award Guidelines

The University of Regina Award of Excellence in Public Education and Outreach honours distinguished academics who have demonstrated exceptional and ongoing dedication to the broader community through public education, engagement, and outreach efforts. These contributions may encompass, but are not limited to, innovative dissemination of research via news media; organizing and leading public workshops and presentations to increase public understanding and awareness; creating and sharing educational materials focused on or driven by the community; offering public performances aimed at community enrichment and education; collaborating with communities to identify and address issues; and actively promoting citizen participation, voice, and empowerment.

The University of Regina Award of Excellence in Public Education and Outreach will be awarded annually to an individual who has displayed excellence and innovation in the leadership of such initiatives for the benefit of local, provincial, national, and international communities.

Recipients will receive a framed certificate and \$2,000 to be used by the recipient in support of teaching, outreach, and other professional activities. 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 made substantial and sustained contributions to the greater community through public education, engagement, and outreach, as demonstrated through some or all of the following:

- Active and creative sharing of research through news media, including print, broadcast, online, and social media sources.
- Development and facilitation of public workshops and presentations to further public knowledge and awareness.
- Development and sharing of community-focused and/or community-driven educational materials.
- Development of public performances for community enhancement and education.
- Engagement with communities toward problem-seeking/solving.
- Promotion and facilitation of activities to further citizen voice and empowerment.
- Evidence that the nominee's work has resulted in enhanced public dialogue, engagement

with, and understanding of, the relevant disciplinary areas.

Application Procedures

- 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 public education and outreach initiatives.
- A nomination letter will be completed by the nominator to explain how the candidate has displayed excellence in public education and outreach, 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 of outstanding contributions to public education and outreach. The portfolio, with a maximum length of ten pages, should include the nominee's philosophy of public education and outreach, details and evidence of teaching and/or leadership in public education and outreach. 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.

A template is available on the CTL webpage that provides more details on how to prepare the nomination package. The nomination letter, nomination portfolio, curriculum vitae, and support letters must be submitted electronically via the 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.



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