

University of Regina President's Award for Teaching Excellence

Award Guidelines

The University of Regina President's Award for Teaching Excellence is the premier internal teaching excellence award for the academic year. One award will be given annually to an individual who has displayed excellence in teaching and learning at the University of Regina and/or its Federated Colleges. Nominations for this award must come from the candidate's Dean, Associate Dean, and/or Department Head; however, students, alums, faculty members, and others are encouraged to recommend individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and contributions to teaching and learning at the University of Regina and/or its Federated Colleges. Recipients will receive a framed certificate and \$2,000 to support their teaching activities and professional development. Recipients will also be invited by the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) to deliver a public lecture to showcase their teaching practices.

Award Criteria

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

Over their career at the University of Regina and/or its Federated Colleges, candidates are expected to have:

- Proven ability to interest, engage, inspire, and motivate students to achieve high standards.
- Demonstrated positive impact on student achievement, satisfaction, and the overall learning environment.
- Consistent application of effective and proficient pedagogical practices.
- Significant contributions to the enhancement of educational activities at the University of Regina and/or its Federated Colleges.
- Committed to teaching excellence, professional growth, and leadership, fostering a culture of educational excellence among colleagues and students.
- Maintenance of high scholarly standards, with teaching that substantially supports students' academic development.
- Incorporated innovative methodologies, technologies, and pedagogical strategies to improve teaching effectiveness.
- Contributions to the academic community through publications, presentations, or curriculum development.

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 sustained excellence in teaching and the impact that they have on student learning at the University of Regina or its Federated Colleges.
- The nomination letter will explain the candidate's excellence in leadership and innovation for teaching, their sustained engagement with proficient and effective pedagogy, outstanding commitment to student learning and growth, and their significant contributions to enhancing the educational activities of the University of Regina or its Federated Colleges. In addition, it should highlight compelling evidence that demonstrates the impact on and enhancement of the student learning experience.
- A nomination portfolio will be constructed by the nominee to showcase the best possible evidence for their outstanding contributions to teaching and learning at the University of Regina. The portfolio, with a maximum length of ten pages, should include a record of relevant achievements, a statement of teaching philosophy, a statement and evidence of teaching responsibilities, a description of their outstanding teaching activities and their impact, and pertinent artifacts. 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.

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.