

University of Regina Provost's Award for Innovation in Teaching

Award Guidelines

The Provost's Award for Innovation in Teaching recognizes faculty members with excellence in pedagogical innovation. In the context of this award, pedagogical innovation may refer to a number of innovative practices, including but not limited to the innovative use of technology; innovative approaches to pedagogy that support equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility; innovative practices for the Indigenization of curriculum and instruction; innovative assessment practices; and innovative approaches to student engagement.

One award will be given annually to an individual who has displayed evidence of outstanding innovative practices in teaching and learning at the University of Regina and/or its Federated Colleges.

Recipients will receive a framed certificate and \$2,000 to support teaching activities and professional development. Recipients will also be invited by the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) to deliver a public lecture on innovative 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 most recent years of teaching at the University of Regina and/or its Federated Colleges, candidates are expected to have:

- Demonstrated ability to interest, engage, excite, inspire, and motivate students to achieve a high standard.
- Demonstrated and sustained use of/engagement with proficient and effective pedagogy.
- Demonstrated record of innovation in teaching.
- Evidence of significant contributions to enhancing the educational activities of the University of Regina and/or its Federated Colleges.
- Evidence of student learning, and not just student satisfaction.
- Evidence of ongoing professional development in teaching and learning.

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 innovative teaching.
- The nomination letter will explain how the candidate has displayed outstanding innovative practices in their teaching. It should discuss the candidate's innovative teaching, mentoring, educational leadership, development of innovative materials, and highlight compelling evidence that demonstrates impact on and enhancement of the student learning experience.
- A nomination portfolio will be constructed by the nominee to showcase the best possible evidence of their innovative teaching practices. 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 innovative teaching activities and their impact, and relevant 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.
- 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 will provide you with more details about how to prepare the nomination package. The nomination letter, the nomination portfolio, the curriculum vitae, 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.