

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 recognizes outstanding achievement by academics who have made substantial and sustained contributions to the greater community through public education, engagement, and outreach. Such contributions may include but are not limited to actively and creatively sharing research through news media; developing and facilitating public workshops and presentations to further public knowledge and awareness; developing and sharing community-focused and/or community-driven educational materials; providing public performances for community enhancement and education; engaging with communities toward problem-seeking/solving; and/or promoting and facilitating citizen 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 to deliver a public lecture on a topic related to the award. In addition, the recipient's name will be displayed on a plaque in a public space at the University.

Award Criteria:

Candidates include all current faculty, instructors, and sessional lecturers employed by the University of Regina or its Federated Colleges. Recipients may be awarded the prize only once. An individual may only be nominated for one CTL teaching award per year.

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; and
- 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 alumnus 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 initiatives.
 - The nomination letter should discuss the candidate's relevant activities and highlight compelling evidence that demonstrates substantial and sustained contributions to the greater community.
- A curriculum vitae documenting relevant material must be included.
- A nomination portfolio will be constructed by the nominee to showcase the best possible evidence for outstanding contributions to public education and outreach. The portfolio, with a maximum length of ten pages, should include a statement detailing the nominee's philosophy of public education and outreach. Alternative formats for supporting documentation (e.g., multimedia, video, etc.) are welcome.
- Up to four support letters (in addition to the nomination letter) may be provided.
- The nomination letter, the curriculum vitae, the nomination portfolio, and the support letters must be submitted electronically via the provided submission form.

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. The faculty members must be from different Faculties. 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.