

## 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 to deliver a public lecture on the pedagogical aspects of their experiential learning activities. 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 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 supporting students through all stages of their experiential learning;

- Contributions to the enhancement of educational activities of the University of Regina and its Federated Colleges; and
- Evidence of student learning (and not just of student satisfaction).

### **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 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 learning experience.
- 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 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 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 be currently taking a class with the candidate.
- The nomination letter, the curriculum vitae, the nomination portfolio, and the support letters must be submitted electronically by the nominator to [ctl@uregina.ca](mailto:ctl@uregina.ca).

**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.