

## 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, alumni, 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 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 a pedagogy-related topic. In addition, the recipient's name and award 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 can be awarded the prize only once. An individual can only be nominated for one CTL teaching award per year.

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

- A demonstrated ability to interest, engage, excite, inspire, and motivate students to achieve a high standard.
- A demonstrated and sustained use of/engagement with proficient and effective pedagogy.
- 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.

### **Application Procedures:**

- Candidates must be nominated by the department head, dean, or associate dean in the nominee's respective faculty, department, or Federated College.
- The nominator will complete a nomination letter, attesting to the candidate's sustained excellence in teaching and the impact that the individual has on student learning at the University of Regina or its Federated Colleges.
  - The nomination letter should discuss the candidate's excellence in leadership and innovation for teaching, their sustained engagement with proficient and effective pedagogy, 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 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 teaching and learning; however, support from the nominator is highly encouraged. The portfolio, with a maximum length of ten pages, should include a statement of teaching philosophy, a history of significant teaching responsibilities, and evidence that supports excellence in instruction. Alternative formats for supporting documentation (e.g., multimedia, video, etc.) are welcome.
- Up to four support letters (in addition to the nomination letter) with at least one letter from a colleague and at least two letters from former students must be provided. Students who provide letters of support must not currently take 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.