University of Regina New Faculty Teaching Award of Recognition

Award Guidelines

The University of Regina New Faculty Teaching Award of Recognition recognizes significant teaching excellence, growth, and development for new faculty members within their first three years of employment. Up to three awards will be given annually to individuals who, early on in their academic careers, have displayed excellence in leadership, teaching and learning for undergraduate and/or graduate students at the University of Regina and/or its Federated Colleges.

Recipients will receive a framed certificate and $1,000 of reimbursement to attend national or international scholarship of teaching and learning conferences such as the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) and the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL); attending other well-recognized SoTL conferences is subject to approval by CTL. The travel expenses and conference fee must be claimed within one year of receiving the award. Recipients will also be invited to deliver a CTL workshop or a public lecture on their pedagogical experiences.

Award Criteria

Candidates include all current faculty, instructors, and sessional lecturers within the first three years of their employment, and are currently employed by the University of Regina and/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.

Since the start of their employment at the University or its Federated Colleges, candidates are expected to have:

- Demonstrated their/an ability to interest, engage, excite, inspire, and motivate students to achieve at a high standard.
- Demonstrated proficient and effective pedagogy.
- A comprehensive knowledge of their subject matter.
- Made a contribution to the enhancement of the educational activities of the University of Regina or its Federated Colleges.
- Evidence of student learning, and not just student satisfaction.
- Evidence of ongoing professional development in teaching and learning.
**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 pedagogical growth and development.

- A nomination letter will be completed by the nominator to explain how the candidate has displayed excellence in leadership, teaching and learning strategies, as well as demonstrated evidence of pedagogical growth and development.
  
  - The nomination letter should discuss the candidate’s innovative teaching, mentoring, educational leadership and development of innovative materials, 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 teaching and learning. The portfolio, with a maximum length of ten pages, should include a teaching philosophy statement and evidence of:
  
  - Teaching responsibilities
  - Excellence in instruction
  - Excellence in leadership

- Up to four support letters (in addition to the nomination letter) with at least one letter by a colleague and at least two of the letters by students must be provided. 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.

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