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. Up to two awards will be given annually to individuals who have displayed excellence in leadership and innovation for undergraduate 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 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 public lecture on a pedagogical topic.

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:

- Demonstrated their/an ability to interest, engage, excite, inspire, and motivate students to achieve at a high standard.
- Demonstrated sustained use of/engagements with proficient and effective pedagogy.
- A comprehensive knowledge of their subject matter.
Made significant contributions to the enhancement of 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.

- A nomination letter will be completed by the nominator who can attest 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 undergraduate teaching, her or his sustained engagement with proficient and effective pedagogy, as well as her or his significant contributions to the enhancement of the educational activities of the University of Regina or its Federated Colleges. In addition, it should 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; however, support from the nominator and Centre for Teaching and Learning is highly encouraged. The portfolio, with a maximum length of ten pages, should include a teaching philosophy statement, and evidence of long-term:

  - 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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