



## 2019 AWARD OF INNOVATION

*The Award of Innovation is a \$2,500 prize sponsored by Innovation Place and recognizes original research that has the potential to create substantive societal benefits.*

*To learn more about Innovation Place, visit their website at <http://www.innovationplace.com>*

### **Eligibility**

Award Nominee(s) must be faculty, staff, or students of the University of Regina that have made a significant contribution to the nominated research project. Eligible research projects must be completed at the University of Regina and have a significant impact on the wellbeing of Canadians, now or in the future.

### **Selection Criteria**

A Research Synopsis will be evaluated by a selection committee made up of representatives from the university, the local community, and Innovation Place. The following criteria and weighting system will be used to evaluate and compare the Research Synopses:

- I. **Novelty** (40% of total score)  
The research is on the leading edge of a given field of study or the project is a novel application of existing research (e.g., applied in a field where the research is not normally utilized).
- II. **Societal Benefit** (30% of total score)  
The research provides tangible benefits to society, either in a current application or as an expected outcome in the future. Applications of research currently in use will receive a higher score than equivalent potential future applications. A broad range of societal benefits will be considered, such as socioeconomic benefits to the community, economic benefits to an organization that utilizes research, improvement to the quality of life of individuals, more efficient utilization of organizational or physical resources, environmental benefits, etc.
- III. **Application of Research** (20% of total score)  
The research can be/is being used outside of the research environment.
- IV. **Collaboration and Partnership** (10% of total score)  
The research project was undertaken within a collaborative environment, such as the creation of multi-disciplinary teams or the involvement of industry, government, and/or community partners who provided input from the perspective of users into the research process.

**Nominations will be accepted from January 07<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to February 04<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Please contact the Research Office for more information  
Nominations should be sent to [research.office@uregina.ca](mailto:research.office@uregina.ca)

## **2019 AWARD OF INNOVATION NOMINATION GUIDE**

Nominations are in two parts. The Nomination Form contains the names and signatures of all parties agreeing to enter the 2019 Award of Innovation selection process. The Research Synopsis contains all of the information required for the selection committee to evaluate the research.

The Nomination Form is provided on the Research Office website (<http://www.uregina.ca/research/research-office.html>). Guidance for the Research Synopsis is provided below.

The Research Synopsis is limited to 4 pages. The pages must be letter sized pages with at least 1” margins on all four edges and use a minimum size of 11 point font. Images, charts, diagrams, etc. that will enhance the selection committee’s understanding of the research can be included within the entire Research Synopsis must not exceed the prescribed length of 4 pages.

Each Research Synopsis should include 5 sections as described below. Section 1 provides context about the research for the selection committee. Sections 2 to 5 will be the material considered in the selection process.

### **Section 1: Introduction**

Provide a brief description of the research project that forms the basis of the nomination.

### **Section 2: Novelty**

Explain how the research advances the current state of knowledge in the relevant area or, alternatively, if this project is a novel application of existing research, an explanation of how this research improves upon traditional approaches currently in use. Be clear and specific about how this research improves upon current practices.

### **Section 3: Societal Benefit**

Describe the types of societal benefits expected by the research, both quantitative and qualitative. If the benefits are quantitative, provide guidance on how they have been, or will be, measured. If they are qualitative, provide guidance on how they can be attributed specifically to the results of the research.

### **Section 4: Application of Research**

Provide examples of how and where this research has been applied outside of the University research setting or how it could be applied to create the societal benefits envisioned.

### **Section 5: Collaboration and Partnership**

List and describe the collaborative efforts that were undertaken during the course of this research or that have resulted from this research. In particular, include relationships that assist with accomplishing the other aspects of this submission, such as creating a novel research project, enhancing societal benefit generated from research, and increasing the application of the knowledge outside of the research setting.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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2. Self-nominations will be accepted.
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4. The Research Synopsis is limited to 4 pages. The pages must be letter sized pages with at least 1” margins on all four edges and use a minimum size of 11 point font. Images, charts, diagrams, etc. that will enhance the selection committee’s understanding of the research can be included but the Research Synopsis must not exceed the prescribed length.
5. Nominations will be accepted from January 07<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to February 04<sup>th</sup>, 2019
6. Nominee(s) have consulted with co-investigators and Research Partners about this nomination. All parties agree to have this research participate in the Award of Innovation selection process.
7. All parties involved with this Nomination have signed the Nomination Form.
8. Nominee(s) agree that they are providing true, complete, accurate information in these documents and have represented the research and accomplishments in a manner consistent with the norms of the relevant field.
9. There is one \$2,500 cash prize from Innovation Place that will be awarded to the winning Nominee(s).
10. The winning Nominee(s) agree to be featured before the Regina Chamber of Commerce Paragon Awards April 05<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and to be promoted via other articles and videos.
11. Return completed Nominations to the University of Regina Research Office in hard copy or by email to [research.office@uregina.ca](mailto:research.office@uregina.ca)