



YORK UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S EMERGING RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AWARD

The mission of York University is the pursuit, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge. We promise excellence in research in pure, applied and professional fields. We test the boundaries and structures of knowledge and are a community committed to academic freedom and social justice.

The York University President's Emerging Research Leadership Award recognizes two full-time faculty members within 10 years of their first academic appointment, who have had a notable impact on their field(s) and made a significant contribution to advancing the University's international reputation for research excellence while significantly and positively contributing to one or more aspects of the York community's intellectual life.

AWARD VALUE

Two \$7,500 internal research grants, deposited to the recipient's generic research cost centre.

ELIGIBILITY

- This award will be conferred to two researchers annually.
- One award will be made to a researcher in the disciplines or fields related to Engineering, Science, Technology, Health and Biomedicine (Cluster 1), and a second award will be made to a researcher in the disciplines or fields related to Social Sciences, Arts & Design, Humanities, Business, Law and Education (Cluster 2).
- Where there may be ambiguity regarding the (inter)disciplinary cluster, for example work in the areas of health policy, psychology or digital media, the nominee may include a rationale.
- This award is inclusive of all individuals with tenure-stream appointments at York who are between five and 10 years of their first academic appointment.
- This honour demands outstanding emerging research achievement providing the promise of long term leadership in their field.
- At least five years of that research must have been completed while the nominees have held a faculty appointment at York.
- Faculty members on the adjudication committee are not eligible for nomination. A member of the Senate Committee on Awards who is nominated for this award must step down from the Committee.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

The nominee's achievements must be documented to demonstrate their fulfillment of the following general requirements:

- The nominee / nominator will determine the cluster that is most suitable for the applicant (see eligibility above).
- Nominations may occur in consecutive years however, if the nominee wishes to change their disciplinary cluster then they must wait an additional year to submit a nomination.
- Faculty members on the adjudication committee must evaluate the nominations based on the preferences expressed by the nominee / nominator.
- The research should include contributions to the nominee's field(s) of scholarship at a high level.
- The research should hold the promise of major impact on the related discipline or field of study and/or practice.
- The nominees should be developing an international reputation for research excellence and have made a significant contribution to the University's research culture and reputation.

Research achievement will have included peer assessment and will have entailed publication or other internationally-recognized and accepted demonstrations of authoritative scholarship or creative contribution in the field.

Nominees must have demonstrated their leadership not only as outstanding emerging researchers, but also as notable contributors to York's intellectual community.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- mentoring students, postdoctoral fellows and contributing critical input in the assistance of colleagues
- on a pathway towards leadership of collaborative research programs or research centres
- attracting talented graduate students or postdoctoral fellows to York
- building linkages with other institutions, such as universities, colleges or non-governmental organizations and/or engaging in entrepreneurial activities
- building linkages with communities
- securing significant external research funding for York
- making York a more innovative research institution

While the principal criteria are set out above, York strongly values diversity and equity within its research community and encourages nominations of those who are under-represented in recent competitions.

NOMINATION PROCESS

A complete nomination includes a nomination form, letter of nomination, nominee's current curriculum vitae, and confidential letters of support (a maximum of three, at least one from within the York community). See below for more information on each component of the file.

PLEASE NOTE: The Committee shall, in confidence, provide a complete copy of the file to the Dean of the nominee's home Faculty and shall invite the Dean to provide a confidential letter of commentary on the nomination.

NOMINATION FILE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Complete files must be submitted to the Secretary, Senate Committee on Awards, electronically at kwhite1@yorku.ca by **Friday, November 27, 2020 at 4:30 pm**.

- [Nomination Form](#)
- **Nominator's Letter** – The nominator's letter must explain how the nominee meets the award's criteria within their field. It will serve as the core of each nomination file. It should outline:
 - themes and evolution of the nominee's sustained research contributions
 - the impact said contributions have made to the field(s) of study and discipline
 - contributions the nominee has made to furthering York's intellectual life major scholarly, professional and/or artistic accomplishments
 - evidence of national and international recognition and reputation
- **Nominee's Current Curriculum Vitae**
- **Confidential Letters of Support** – A maximum of three letters of support, at least one of which must be from an individual within the York University community.

To ensure equal consideration and treatment of all nominees, **additional documentation will not be considered.**