Guidelines - Lassonde Research Innovation Awards 2020

Nomination Deadline
March 2, 2020, by e-mail to Christina.corre@yorku.ca

Goals

- To acknowledge the extraordinary research achievements, innovation and knowledge translation activities and dedication to both science and engineering research in the Lassonde School of Engineering.
- To enhance the profile of engineering research at York University and beyond.

Categories

1) Innovation Award-early
2) Innovation Award-established
3) Graduate Mentorship Award

Value of the Awards

Recipients of the Innovation Award-early, Innovation Award-established, Graduate Mentorship Award, each will receive a grant of $3,000 that will be deposited into an appropriate research cost centre. All winners should be present to receive the award during the annual Lassonde Honours and Award Ceremony (usually every Fall or Spring). In addition the recipients are expected to give a general presentation/lecture to a York University audience in the year following the winning of the award.

Evaluation and Eligibility Criteria

The awards are intended to recognize research carried out in the last three years and normally after the nominee’s appointment to York University. The nominee must be a full-time or contract faculty member whose primary appointment is in the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University. Faculty are eligible to receive an award in each category only once every 10 years.
Details

1) **Innovation Award: Early Researcher Award**
   
   a. A maximum of 10 years since receiving their PhD (or most recent graduate degree) (parental leave is not counted as part of the 10 year period; however, such periods must be identified in the nomination letter).

   b. Established a high quality independent research program involving the training of Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP).

2) **Innovation Award: Established Researcher Award**
   
   a. A minimum of 10 years since receiving their PhD (or most recent graduate degree)

   b. Established a research program of international stature involving the training of Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP).

3) **Excellence in Graduate Mentorship Award**

   This award recognizes an outstanding commitment to the education and training of graduate students in Lassonde School of Engineering

**Selection Procedures**

Only complete applications will be reviewed by the Grant Adjudication Research Sub-Committee of PARR. In the event that a member of the Committee is nominated for one of the awards, that member will not participate in the selection process for the award. The award recipients will be confirmed by the Dean based on the recommendation by the Grant Adjudication Research Committee. The application package will be valid for one year following the nomination if an updated CV is provided to the committee. A maximum of one award from each category will normally be awarded annually.

The Selection Committee will evaluate each application based on the candidate’s achievements while at York University.
Application Process for Early and Established Researcher Award

The candidate must be a Lassonde faculty member with a full-time appointment with the University and must be nominated by another York University faculty member. The nomination letter should describe how the candidate satisfies the above criteria. The nomination package should include:

- nomination form (including names of two external referees)
- nomination letter
- two letters of reference (of the candidate’s choice)
- complete CV (NSERC Form 100 or common CV recommended)

Nomination/reference letters for the Early and Established Researcher Awards should normally provide evidence over the past three years for:

- High quality scholarly activity
- External recognition (prestigious awards, professional society memberships, community involvement)
- Ability to secure external funding
- Contribution to training of highly qualified personnel
- Contributions to the advancement and mobilization of knowledge and its impact on society
- Examples of innovation and contribution to the enhancement of society

Application Process for Excellence in Graduate Mentorship Award

The candidate has to be a Lassonde faculty member with a full-time appointment with the University. Nominations can be made either by a York faculty member or a graduate student, in consultation with the relevant Graduate Program Director. The nomination package should include:

- nomination form
- nomination letter
- complete CV (any format, but CCV or NSERC Form 100 are preferred)
- 3-5 letters of support from present and/or past graduate students mentored by the candidate. (If more than 5 letters are submitted, the committee may disregard the extra letters.)
Nomination letters for the Excellence in Graduate Mentorship Awards should normally provide evidence over the past three years that a supervisor:

- Is an effective communicator
- Establishes a supportive but challenging environment for research and scholarly activities
- Provides constructive criticism and fosters independence
- Creates opportunities and assists with transitioning to professional careers
- Encourages and facilitates industrial internships for the students (if applicable)