

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Terms of Reference

OVERVIEW

The Faculty of Science has two annual Awards of Excellence in Community Engagement:

1. Early Career Community Engagement Award
2. Established Career Community Engagement Award

Both awards recognize excellence in community outreach initiatives falling outside the traditional roles of teaching and research, and result in the creation and enhancement of effective and diverse relationships between the Faculty of Science and its stakeholder communities.

Each recipient will receive a commemorative certificate as well as an award, which is to be used in support of professional activity.

CRITERIA

The nominee must demonstrate evidence of exceptional community engagement that is supportive of science and aligned with the University of Calgary's objectives. Excellence in community engagement can be distinguished by enhanced public interest and interaction resulting in mutually beneficial relationships between the university and the external community, as well as outside the Faculty within the academic community. A strong nomination will be a concise presentation of a candidate's actions, activities and results.

ELIGIBILITY

Early Career Community Engagement Award

This award is open to individual academic staff members within ten years of appointment to the University of Calgary. This early career award recognizes exceptional contributions in the form of community service and outreach which are supportive of Science and enhance the reputation of the university in the community. An individual can only be the recipient of this award once.

Established Career Community Engagement Award

This award is open to individual academic staff members who have served an appointment greater than ten years to the University of Calgary. This established career award will be given in recognition of an exemplary history of community service which is continuously supportive of Science and enhances the long-term reputation of the University in the community. An individual can only be the recipient of this award once within a seven year period.

NOMINATION

Each department may nominate one individual for each of the Early Career Community Engagement Award and the Established Career Community Engagement Award per year. These nominations are forwarded to the Dean in a concise nomination package and are vetted by the Faculty Awards Committee in accordance to the Terms of Reference. The deadline for receiving nomination packages will be set each year.

NOMINATION PACKAGE

1. A nomination letter of at most 4 pages addressed to the Dean from the Head, Director or Designate that explains the nominee's special qualifications for the Award of Excellence in Community Engagement, highlighting how effective community engagement is met.
2. Where appropriate, the nomination letter should be supported by an abbreviated C.V.

Optional:

3. Unsolicited community feedback (i.e. testimonials) showing evidence of positive experiences, outcomes and community participation.
4. Other concrete evidence of effective outreach and service activities, including articles from the press, etc.