

## **UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD**

### **Purpose:**

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The *University Excellence in Research Award* seeks to acknowledge Faculty Association Members who are deemed exceptional researchers and scholars.

### **Definition:**

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Research excellence is measured by the following criteria (these examples are only meant as an illustrative guide and not an exhaustive list):

1. Quality of scholarly output (e.g. peer-reviewed publications, documents informing policy, patents);
2. Sustained productivity of research in the context of overall teaching, research and service workload;
3. Relevant activities to communicate and demonstrate their research (workshops, conferences, etc.);
4. The stage of the researcher's career;
5. Ability to inspire undergraduate/graduate/post-doctoral students towards research excellence; and
6. External grants and contracts received (e.g. Tri-Council funding, funding from industry).

### **Criteria for the Award:**

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To be eligible to be nominated to receive an award, nominees must be outstanding in research or scholarship. Nominees will hold a Tenured, Tenure-track, Probationary, Continuing or Regular Term Appointment, including those affiliated with the Northern Medical Program. Research awards are intended for those individuals who do not hold appointments in which their research accomplishments and responsibilities are specifically recognized, such as Canada Research Chairs, Endowed Chairs, Leadership Chairs, and Research Scientists. "Research Chair" includes any appointment that reduces the teaching workload and increases research time.

### **Nomination Process:**

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To nominate an eligible Member for an award, a complete nomination package must be prepared by the nominator in consultation with the nominee as appropriate, and received by the Chair of the Award Committee by the published deadline. Each nomination package must include:

1. A letter of nomination (a maximum of two pages) signed by the nominator and including a minimum of two additional signatures of other supporters, and including the rationale of why the nominee is worthy of this award.

The complete nomination package is to be emailed to [Paula.Wood-Adams@unbc.ca](mailto:Paula.Wood-Adams@unbc.ca) by **Friday, February 14, 2025 at 4:30pm**. Please use the subject line "University Excellence in Research Award Nomination\_ nomimneelastname"

Upon receipt of the nomination packages, the Chair of the Committee will contact nominees to confirm with each nominee that he/she accepts the nomination. If the nominee accepts the nomination, the nominee will provide to the Chair of the Award Committee:

1. A cover letter (maximum two pages) outlining outstanding achievements and evidence of excellence in research or scholarship with reference to the criteria; and
2. A cv

The Committee will utilize sound judgment when evaluating the nominations. The recipients of these awards will reflect the research diversity of the UNBC community and will be encouraged to act as ambassadors for the institution. The Committee may consider both excellence in research achievement over a shorter term (considering this in the context of sustained productivity over the member's UNBC career), or 'lifetime achievement'.

Recipients may be invited to serve on the adjudicating committee in the following year along with two award recipient volunteers from the preceding year of the current competition.

Recipients of the Research Award are not eligible to be nominated again for a three year period after receiving the award. Previous years' award winners are listed at:

<https://www.unbc.ca/office-research-and-innovation/university-excellence-research-award>

#### **Award Committee:**

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The Research Award Committee consists of the following individuals:

- a. The Vice President of Research and Innovation who will chair the committee;
- b. Four Tenured Faculty, or Continuing Senior Lab Instructors, all of whom shall be either previous years' recipients or elected representatives (maximum of two from any one Faculty or the DMS)