



Acadia Alumni Faculty Award  
for Excellence in Teaching  
Nominations 2020



The *Acadia Alumni Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching* recognizes a continued record of excellence in teaching students and future alumni of Acadia University, with focus on the faculty member's professional and teaching accomplishments. It is an expression of the Acadia Alumni Association's pride and appreciation for outstanding faculty, their service to the education of future alumni, and their promotion of the best interests of Acadia.

The Acadia Alumni Association will award, annually, up to three Awards for Faculty Excellence. The award(s) will be presented at the Graduation Banquet held in May and the successful recipient(s) names will be announced at each of the three convocations in May 2020.

Candidates may be a full-time, part-time, or contract member of the teaching faculty and must have taught for, at least, three years at Acadia University.

**Nomination Process:**

- Anyone can nominate a faculty member for the award.
- Nominations will be sent to the Acadia Alumni Association Awards Committee via the Alumni Office at Acadia University.
- Nomination applications will include:
  - A complete nomination form (see below) with the following information included:
    - A copy of the nominee's resume, if able
    - A summary describing the nominee's excellence in given area (reason for the nomination)
    - Nomination letter(s) in support from students, colleagues, and/or peers

Consideration in the selection process is given to the following criteria:

**1) Favourable evaluation by students:**

Consideration of repeated and consistently high evaluations by students across courses, seminars, and sessions taught.

**2) Lasting influence on students:**

Consideration of influence through classroom instruction, supervision of honours or graduate students, academic or career success of former students, and/or acknowledgement by former students.

**3) Innovation in teaching:**

New course design and development, creative use of technology, creative use of teaching resources, collaborative or interdisciplinary approaches to teaching, imaginative presentation of traditional material, innovative curriculum design, and any other evidence of innovation in the candidate's teaching.

**Nomination Deadline: January 31, 2020**

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**4) Accessibility to students:**

Provides overall quality of interactions and guidance to students outside of classroom hours. Approachability and accessibility to students. Flexibility in meeting students' special needs. Availability for academic counselling and takes time and makes the effort to be available to and assist students with academic needs and education outside the traditional classroom setting.

**5) Expertise in their field/discipline:**

Candidate has expert knowledge of subject matter, enthusiasm for the subject, and the capacity to create student interest.

**6) Teaching ability/effort:**

Candidate is prepared for teaching in lectures, laboratories, seminars or tutorials. The candidate can communicate effectively at levels appropriate to the students' capacities, encourages student participation in the teaching-learning process, establish high standards and motivate students to attain them. Evaluation of student performance demonstrates and measures substantive understanding and not just memorization.

**7) Educational Leadership:**

Consultation with colleagues from similar or different disciplines on teaching and learning methods and an overall commitment to the improvement of teaching/student learning at the university level. Being viewed as a leader in education within their respective discipline as well as a leader at Acadia.

**8) Above and Beyond:**

Any examples of how the candidate has gone above and beyond typical faculty responsibilities.

**Nomination Information Acadia Alumni Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching**

**Nominee Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty(s)/Department(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Years of teaching (courses, if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Part-time/Full-time/Contract? \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the nominee?: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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