



Call for Nominations 2026 Acadia Alumni Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching

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 a focus on the faculty member's professional and teaching accomplishments. This award is an expression of the 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 derives strength from the diversity of the alumni community. As a result, the Association is committed to creating a culture of inclusion and equity in the work they do and encourages award nominations for individuals of all races, colours, religions, genders, gender identities or expressions, sexual orientations, national origins, disabilities, socioeconomic statuses, and ages.

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.
- 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. Takes time and makes the effort to be available to assist students with academic needs and education outside the traditional classroom setting.
- 5) Expertise in Field/Discipline:** The candidate has expert knowledge of the subject matter, enthusiasm for the subject, and the capacity to create student interest.
- 6) Teaching Ability/Effort:** The candidate is prepared for teaching in lectures, laboratories, seminars or tutorials. The candidate can communicate effectively at levels appropriate to the students' capacities, encourage student participation in the teaching-learning process, and 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:** An example where the candidate has gone above and beyond typical faculty responsibilities.

Guidelines for Nominations

If you know a worthy candidate you would like to nominate for this award, please prepare a submission. Nominations must be submitted by **November 30, 2025** for consideration for the 2026 award. **To be considered complete, your nomination package must have the following components:**

1. A completed copy of this nomination form (Page 3).
2. A summary or letter describing the nominee's excellence in teaching and your reasons for nominating the candidate.
3. A copy of the nominee's CV, if possible.
4. A minimum of one additional reference letter supporting this nomination from a student, colleague, or peer (maximum five letters of reference).
5. Any additional supporting documentation you would like included for consideration by the selection committee (e.g. materials that illustrate the nominee's teaching philosophy, student engagement and innovation).

2026 Acadia Alumni Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching – Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Full Name: _____

Department: _____

Email Address: _____

Years Teaching: _____

Full-time/Part-time/Contract: _____

Nominator Information:

Full Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Notes:

- 1) *Anyone can nominate a faculty member for this award.*
- 2) *Candidates must be current full-time, part-time or contract members of the teaching faculty and must have taught at Acadia University for at least three years.*
- 3) *Individuals who are currently elected members of federal, provincial or municipal government are not eligible to stand as an award nominee.*
- 4) *To maintain the integrity of the awards program and to respect the privacy of those consulted, the selection committee keeps nominations confidential, and we ask that nominators do the same. Nominators and those providing letters of support are encouraged to share their submissions with the nominee if they wish to do so.*
- 5) *If your nominee is not selected as this year's honouree, you may resubmit your application next year and are encouraged to add new, supporting information.*

Nomination Deadline: November 30, 2025

Please send completed nomination packages to Melanie Jackson at melanie.jackson@acadiau.ca