

President's Award for Excellence in Research

Nominations are solicited for the President's Award for Excellence in Research.

The annual award will be presented to one, and under exceptional circumstances, two outstanding Cape Breton University faculty member(s). Presentation of the award will take place at the President's Academy Recognition Dinner.

Nomination Procedure

Nominees must be a tenured faculty member with a record of publications, grants and a current research program that demonstrate leadership in the research and wider academic community. Members of the research committee, research chairs (past and present) and senior administration (Deans, VPs) are ineligible.

Faculty will be invited, by means of an announcement in early January, to submit to the Senate Research Committee, by February 1, the names of faculty members to be considered for the award. (This closing date will also be published in the *University Calendar*.) The nomination should include appropriate supporting material. The Award is adjudicated by the Senate Research Committee. The Committee may seek whatever external advice it deems appropriate. The Research Committee will make a recommendation to the President by February 28. The President will make the final decision.

All employees of CBU are eligible to nominate faculty members for the research award.

Nomination packages must include

- a) an up-to-date CV of the nominee
- b) letters of support from at least two CBU faculty members,
- c) letters of recommendation from the nominee's chair and school

Letters should outline why the individual, solely in terms of the selection criteria below, feels the nominee has set him/herself apart from other faculty and deserves to be recognized with a research award.

Selection Criteria (to be followed by both nominators and Research Committee members)

- 1) The primary criterion for the award is external peer-reviewed scholarly activity. Consideration is given to both the quality and quantity of academic output, relevant to the academic area. The receipt of external funding by a faculty member is not a necessary or sufficient criteria to receive the award. Peer-reviewed conference presentations that are published in full form may also be considered, although they will generally be given less weight than other peer-reviewed scholarly work (e.g. books, journal articles and book chapters).

2) (i) Productivity

The nominee must have a record of continued exceptional contributions to research/scholarship. Such achievement may be evidenced by any of the following:

- a) authorship or important participation in authorship of significant publications collectively demonstrating research ability and leadership in a major field of knowledge;
- b) authorship or co-authorship of publications authoritatively reviewing complex, important or advanced fields of knowledge; or
- c) a record of successful transfer of knowledge to industry or to other area of application.

(ii) Creativity

Clear evidence of creativity in the development of original interpretations, or concepts in the absence of previous related studies and interpretations.

(iii) Influence and Impact

The nominee must have a record of substantial impact on the course of scholarly research by others. This may be demonstrated by one or more of the following:

- a) widespread use of theories, concepts or interpretations developed by the nominee in research by others;
- b) use of theories, concepts or interpretations by the nominee in textbooks or definitive review papers;
- c) a superior record of citations in citation index (where appropriate);
- d) a strong record of influence on honours students, graduate students, postdocs and/or collaborators.

(iv) Recognition

The nominee must have attained national or international recognition as an authority in a major field of knowledge. Such recognition may be evidenced by any of the following:

- a) holds office in professional societies or serves on important committees;
- b) acts as an editor or member of the editorial board of recognized research journals;
- c) serves as official or invited delegate at international meetings or has been invited to address senior professional bodies;
- d) has an appropriate record of external research grants or fellowships.

Recognition

The award winner(s) will be announced at the President's Academy Recognition Dinner and will be presented a certificate in recognition of this major accomplishment. The winner's name(s) will be added to a plaque to be prominently displayed within the University.