

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

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FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

STATEMENT OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1. THE AWARD

- 1.1 The Faculty of Engineering AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH, hereinafter refereed to as the award, is an award sponsored by the Faculty of Engineering (the Faculty).
- 1.2 One award shall be given annually provided that appropriate candidates are nominated.
- 1.3 The award shall be administered pursuant to policies and procedures set out herein or established in accordance with the provisions of this document.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the award is to focus attention on research in the Faculty of Engineering by recognizing annually a group of researchers who have earned distinction for

themselves and for the Faculty through creative scholarship in interdisciplinary research.

3. THE AWARD AND PUBLIC LECTURE

- 3.1 The recipient(s) of the award (the Faculty Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research) who are regular members of the Faculty of Engineering shall receive an honorarium, as provided by the Faculty.
- 3.2 The award will be presented to the recipient(s) in the course of an appropriate ceremony in the year in which the award is made.
- 3.3 The award ceremony will normally be preceded by a public lecture by the recipient(s) of the award. The lecture, arising out of the recipients' research, should present the recipients' work on a non-technical level and in an interesting fashion, as appropriate to a cultivated audience which lacks professional knowledge in the recipient's field. It is desirable but not obligatory that the speaker(s) present some material in English and some in French.

4. FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Faculty Research Advisory Committee (FRAC) will act as the Faculty Research Awards Committee, hereafter refereed to as the Committee. The Committee is responsible for the selection of recipients for the Faculty Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 It is intended that the award recognize researchers from the Faculty of Engineering who combined their expertise with researchers from different disciplines to produce contributions to research which have earned distinction for the researchers and for the Faculty through creative scholarship.
- 5.2 The nominations will be reviewed based on the significance, novelty and impact of the achievements; the quality of the contribution to the training and mentoring of students and other highly qualified personnel in a collaborative and interdisciplinary setting, including considerations of equity, diversity and inclusion; the excellence of the interdisciplinary team and the complementarities of the members' expertise.
- 5.3 Only members with tenure or on a "tenure-track" appointment, hereinafter referred to as regular members, in the Faculty of Engineering are eligible for the award. The interdisciplinary research group may include members of other faculties. The candidate(s) must have a minimum of two (2) years at the University of Ottawa.
- 5.4 Regular members who have received major research recognitions from the University of Ottawa (e.g. University of Ottawa Research Award, Distinguished University of Ottawa Professor) shall not be eligible for nomination to the award.

- 5.5 The award will not be accorded twice to the same project.

6. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- 6.1 A nomination for the award may be initiated by any Faculty of Engineering alumnus or alumna, faculty member or administrator. Nominations should be addressed to the Dean of Engineering.
- 6.2 Nominations for the award should be made as objectively as possible and should be broadly based. Any relevant evidence may be submitted to the Committee. The submitted documentation should, in any event, include
 - (a) nomination letter
 - (b) candidate's statement of research (2 pages maximum)
 - (c) candidate's CV
 - (d) testimonial letters from peers (internal) (2 maximum)
 - (e) testimonial letters from peers (external) (3 maximum)

7. PUBLIC RELATIONS

- 7.1 The award ceremony shall be organized by the Faculty of Engineering.
- 7.2 The Faculty shall annually budget an amount it deems appropriate to cover publicity costs associated with the award.

8. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE

8.1 MANDATE – the Committee shall select recipients for the award subject to the provisions of this document. The Committee may decline to select a recipient in any year in which it finds that none of the candidates meets the criteria set out herein.

8.2 INFORMATION – The Committee shall make its selection based on the files submitted. It may consult the Departmental/School Personnel Committees and ask them to provide additional information if need be.

9. TARGET DATES

9.1 The Dean will send guidelines for nominations to all Faculty of Engineering alumnus and alumna, faculty members and administrators inviting them to submit nominations.

9.2 Nominations are to be submitted to the Dean and to the Faculty Research Awards Committee. The Committee is to complete its deliberations and select a recipient.