**PRESIDENT’S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD**

**(*\*FORMERLY “TRU MASTER SCHOLAR AWARD”)***

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15th annually**

TRU will recognize one (1) individual who best represents the highest achievement in scholarship, achieved over a career for full-time faculty who have an established international reputation for excellence in research, scholarship, invention or the production of creative works.

**Award:** The winner will receive an engraved plaque plus the opportunity to receive a maximum research grant of $3,000 to be used according to Tri-Agency guidelines. Recipients must use this award within a two-year period from the date of the award. TRU is not obligated to offer the award annually.

**Eligibility:** Nominees are full-time tenured Professors who have not previously received this award. The criteria and procedures for nominations for this award are outlined on the nomination form.

**Nomination Process:**

* Nominations may be submitted to the Research Office by students, faculty, staff, or administrators.
* Self-nominations will not be considered.

**Those nominating a candidate for the President’s Distinguished Scholar Award must provide:**

1. A statement detailing the nominee’s achievements in scholarship.

2. The nominee’s current curriculum vitae that should include:

* Employment information
* Grants held
* Awards and honours
* The five most significant contributions of the nominee, and the works that exemplify those contributions
* Contribution to training highly qualified people
* Publications (refereed journal articles, refereed books, refereed conference proceedings, other)
* Organizations, affiliations, offices held, innovations to teaching
* Other relevant information to depict the significant contributions of the nominee

3. Letters of reference from 3 external referees, submitted by the deadline. Referees must meet the following criteria:

* They should be acknowledged authorities in the nominee’s field,
* They should not have collaborated with the nominee during the last five years,
* They should not have a personal relationship with the nominee (e.g., they should not be a close friend, relative, former Ph.D. or postdoctoral supervisor, mentor, or a student previously under the nominee's supervision).

**Evaluation Committee**

The Evaluation Committee shall comprise:

* Vice-President, Office of the VP, Research
* Chair of the Research Committee of Senate
* Three members of the Research Committee who are not associated with the research of the applicants, and are not in a conflict.

***Complete nomination packages should be submitted electronically to*** ***research@tru.ca*** ***no later than February 15th. Incomplete packages will not be considered.***