

Faculty of Science Roger Thibert Teaching Excellence Award

Application Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024

Purpose:

Presented to an instructor in the Faculty of Science who shows excellence in undergraduate and/or graduate teaching, curriculum development or educational leadership. The award is to recognize and honour faculty who develop a positive, learning-centred environment in the Faculty of Science. It is also intended to highlight and share examples of excellence.

Criteria:

The committee will be examining the application packages for evidence of:

- teaching science in the context of discovery and invention
- integrating knowledge of current research discoveries as well as developing student research skills and thinking
- engendering curiosity and lifelong learning
- developing self-directed learning
- motivating and engaging students
- creating an environment to support learning
- being accessible to students
- having impact on student learning within a course or program
- course or program design and development
- educational leadership
- having impact beyond the university

These aspects may be demonstrated at the undergraduate or graduate level, through teaching, curriculum development or other educational leadership activities.

Eligibility:

All instructors teaching in the Faculty of Science in the last twelve months are eligible for nomination. Nominees must not have received this award during the previous 5 years.

Nomination Process:

Nominations may be made by faculty, staff, students or through self-nomination. Student nominators are highly encouraged to collaborate with faculty and/or staff members.

Application packages:

Application packages will include:

1. a nomination letter that highlights the evidence of the candidate's excellence
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. 2 letters of support (letters must be from individuals other than the nominator; 1 student letter of support is encouraged)
4. a teaching dossier, which must include:
 - a. a teaching philosophy

- b. evidence of impact on students (i.e. student evaluations, solicited or unsolicited comments and feedback, etc.)

and may include other relevant evidence and information, with a particular focus on the past five years, such as:

- a. teaching and assessment methods used
- b. student supervision and mentorship
- c. teaching development (professional development related to teaching)
- d. course and curriculum design and development
- e. leadership, including pedagogical services internal and external to the university
- f. impact beyond the university

Application packages should be submitted electronically to:

scienceawards@uwindsor.ca

Review Process:

Application packages will be circulated to the Award Committee electronically for individual review. The committee will meet to discuss the applications, and reach a decision.

The Award Committee will be struck and chaired by the Dean of Science, three science faculty members from different departments (including at least one previous award winning instructor), one graduate and one undergraduate student as well as a non-voting member from the Centre for Teaching and Learning. Rotation of Departmental representatives on an agreed-upon schedule will ensure that all Departments have an opportunity to participate in this process over a 3 – 5 year period.

Award:

The Award will be given to a maximum of two individuals each year. Successful applicants will receive a \$2,000.00 research grant, a certificate, and will be highlighted at the Annual Celebration of Teaching Excellence hosted by the Centre for Teaching and Learning.

For additional information please contact:

Ms. Laura Mclean, Secretary for the Dean of Science, Ext. 3010 (E-mail: scienceawards@uwindsor.ca)

For information and feedback on teaching dossiers, please feel welcome to contact the Centre for Teaching and Learning.

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