

## SGPS Postdoctoral Fellow Excellence Award

The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SGPS) established the Postdoctoral Fellow Excellence Award in 2019 to recognize postdoctoral fellows who have displayed excellence in research, professional development, and/or service during their appointment at Ontario Tech University.

### Eligibility

The nominee should hold a postdoc appointment and must have been active for a minimum of six months at Ontario Tech and have been employed in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline. Nominees not selected to receive an Award may be nominated in a subsequent year. Previous recipients are not eligible to be nominated.

### Nomination process

The nomination may be completed by a faculty member, graduate student or postdoctoral fellow at Ontario Tech. Nominations may not be completed by the nominee.

A complete nomination package will contain:

1. Completed nomination form.
2. Letter from the nominator(s) describing the attributes of the postdoc in relation to the award criteria outlined below. (maximum 2 pages)
3. Two letters of support from Ontario Tech students, colleagues or other community members who have closely interacted with the nominees in the past six months. (maximum 2 pages).
4. Letter of support from the postdoc supervisor, if different from nominator, including a rationale as to why the nominee qualifies for the award. If the nominator is the postdoc supervisor, then another faculty member may prepare the letter of support (maximum 2 pages).
5. The nominee's abbreviated CV including a summary of relevant accomplishments, their academic qualifications, and their current position, and any awards or special recognitions. (maximum 5 pages)

### Public recognition of the award

A maximum of one award will be presented annually. Each award consists of a recognition plaque from the Dean of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The award will be publicly announced during the annual SGPS Excellence Awards ceremony.

### Award Criteria

Excellence is broadly defined and judged on the quality of the nominee's contribution and commitment to Ontario Tech Community. Nominees should demonstrate **excellence** in one or more of the following areas:

1. Mentorship and guidance of undergraduate and graduate students;
2. Inspirational leadership that contributes to the prosperity and well-being of the University and the broader community;
3. Distinguished research, knowledge creation and innovation;
4. Community participation and volunteering that inspire pride in Oshawa and Durham communities;
5. Contribution and initiatives that enhance SGPS and Ontario Tech mission.

### **Selection process**

The selection committee will be chaired by the Dean of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies or designate. The committee will consist of at least three members, including one graduate faculty member, one graduate student (which may be the Graduate Studies Committee representative) and one full-time continuing staff member from outside SGPS. A member of SGPS will participate at committee meetings as a resource. Committee membership should include at least one of the previous award winners when available. The committee will review the nomination packages and recommend the recipient to the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

All nominees will be notified of their nomination and invited to the SGPS Excellence Awards event for the announcement of the winner.

### **Nomination deadline**

The award will normally be given out annually and will typically correspond to the SGPS Excellence awards cycle. As such, the submission deadline for nomination packages will normally be **the last week of May**. The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will announce the submission dates as part of the call for nominations.

Nomination packages should be submitted via email to [gradexcellenceawards@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:gradexcellenceawards@ontariotechu.ca).