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RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS

PREAMBLE

The Research Excellence Award has been established by the Office of the Associate Provost, Research to recognize excellence in research achieved by one junior and one senior faculty member at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. Two Research Excellence Awards will be awarded annually.

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND AWARD CATEGORIES

All current core faculty members are eligible to be nominated, however no one can receive an award within 5 years of receiving it previously. Nominations may be submitted individually or collectively by current or former core faculty members. Each Faculty is permitted to submit two nominations. Permission should be sought from the potential nominee before submission.

- **Junior Researcher Category:** The primary goal of the annual Junior Researcher category of the Research Excellence Award is to recognize an individual faculty member whose research over the past 10 years since obtaining her/his PhD is acknowledged as outstanding, and is judged as superior by her/his peers.
- **Senior Researcher Category:** The primary goal of the Senior Researcher Category is to recognize an individual faculty member whose research is acknowledged as superior by international standards and has brought recognition to the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

2. VALUE OF THE AWARD

Each award will consist of a recognition plaque and \$1,500, to be contributed to the award recipient's professional development fund. Each award winner will be expected to give a public presentation to the University and the general public community.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The award is given to individuals who have overtime made a significant contribution to advancing knowledge in their respective field of endeavor. All research, scholarly and innovative contributions will be considered, but emphasis will be placed on work undertaken by the individual while employed at UOIT.

4. SELECTION COMMITTEE AND AWARD CRITERIA

The Research Excellence Award Committee consists of the Associate Provost, Research (Chair), Dean of Graduate Studies, Manager of Technology Transfer and Commercialization, and two faculty members who have previously received the award. The Chair may involve other internal members in cases where conflict of interest may exist.

The Committee will evaluate the candidates for contributions made while at UOIT using the following criteria:

- Scholarly activity-may include impact on society or scholarly community, cumulative contribution, seminal article(s) or monograph, etc.
- Development of major research entities (e.g. a research unit or centre)
- Significant breakthrough in an individual's research area;
- Recognition by professional societies in terms of distinguished research awards (e.g. Fellowships in the Royal Society of Canada);
- Participation in a major research-granting agency (e.g. member and/or chair of a grant selection committee, member of granting council executive, etc.);
- Demonstrable contribution to the training and research activity of graduate students, PhDs and other research personnel;
- Enhancement of the intellectual life of the university community; and
- Impact of research through technology transfer and/or knowledge transfer activities (e.g., patents, copyright, policy and/or program development, etc.).

5. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The nomination package must include:

- a. Nomination Form;
- b. Nomination Letter: A detailed letter from the nominator(s) summarizing the candidate's research achievements, and outlining the national or international significance of the candidate's scholarly work. It should not, however, exceed four (4) pages;
- c. Current curriculum vitae of the candidate, which includes the following information a) List of Publications; b) Training of HQP; c) Honors, Awards, Fellowships and Prizes; d) Research Grants; e) Patents, Membership in National and International Committees; f) Invited Public Lectures and Conference Presentations; g) Research Activities;
- d. Three external support letters from scholars in the candidate's main and cognate field, commenting on the importance and impact of the candidate's work while at UOIT, nationally and internationally. In the letter, referees should indicate their relationship to the nominee and the duration they have known them.