

The Royal Society of Canada – Call for Expressions of Interest

- RSC Fellowship
- Membership in the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists

Deadline: May 27, 2025**Overview**

As of 2023, Ontario Tech University has achieved Institutional Membership in the [Royal Society of Canada](#). The Royal Society of Canada was established by Royal Charter in 1883 as a learned society in Canada comparable to the American Academy of the Arts and Sciences, the French Académie Française, and the British Royal Society. The mandate of the Royal Society is “to serve Canada and Canadians by recognizing Canada’s leading intellectuals, scholars, researchers and artists and, by mobilizing them in open discussion and debate, to advance knowledge, encourage integrated interdisciplinary understandings and address issues that are critical to Canada and Canadians.” The RSC consists of three bilingual Academies embracing a broad range of scholarly disciplines and artistic fields: Academy I: Academy of Arts and Humanities, Academy II: Academy of Social Sciences, and Academy III: Academy of Science (including Applied Sciences and Engineering, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Biological Sciences, Medical Sciences and Mathematical and Physical Sciences), as well as the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

There are three classes of Members in the RSC:

1. **Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada (FRSC)** – a **lifetime achievement distinction** based on a sustained career with accomplishments of exceptional distinction in the arts, humanities, social sciences, or sciences. Fellows are lifetime appointments and generally come close to the end of one’s career.
2. **Members of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists** – this is an **early-career distinction** for individuals who have demonstrated a high level of achievement and excellence in the arts, humanities, social sciences, or sciences in the first 15 years of their professional career. Membership is for a term of seven years.
3. **Institutional Members** – comprised of public and private organizations. Ontario Tech University was made an Institutional Member of the RSC in 2023.

The RSC will soon announce the next round call for nominations for Fellows (FRSC) to the three academies and for members of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists (nominations expected to be due around December 15, 2025). The FRSC and College Memberships are highly competitive and target applicants who are recognized as leaders in inclusive excellence in research and innovation, mobilized to utilize their interdisciplinary knowledge and understanding to openly discuss and debate complex and timely issues of national significance.

As an institutional member of the Royal Society, Ontario Tech University is able to institutionally nominate candidates both for the prestigious lifetime recognition (Fellowship), and the early-career distinction (College Membership). ORS is launching an internal selection process for fellowship and college nominations. We encourage potential candidates to discuss their Expression of Interest with their Dean. We encourage Individuals from all equity-deserving groups to apply.

Nominee Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1. The RSC Fellowship nomination
 - i. **Who is eligible?**
 - Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents for 3 years at time of nomination
 - Academics in the arts, the humanities, the social sciences and the sciences with exceptional and original publications, intellectual achievements, and creative activities.
 - ii. **Who makes a strong candidate?** Individuals who:

- Are Full Professors who are experts in their field and have made significant national and international impact in their discipline with original and innovative contribution over the course of a lengthy career,
- Have developed a national and international reputation for their practical or theoretical contributions to their field, and
- Have publications in top-rated journals; published scholarly books; translated works into foreign languages; been invited to give influential or named lectureships at Canadian or international universities or other similar fora; been elected to significant international academic bodies; served on advisory panels of leading international agencies and non-governmental organizations; and have performances or juried exhibitions.

Please consult the full [RSC Guide to Nominating Fellows](#) for more information.

2. College Membership nomination

i. **Who is eligible?** Individuals who are:

- Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents, and
- Demonstrate a high level of achievement at an early-career stage (within 15 years of obtaining their PhD or equivalent qualification)

ii. **Who makes a strong candidate?** Individuals who:

- Have made original and significant impact to their discipline and/or communities nationally and/or internationally,
- Have developed a national and international reputation for their practical or theoretical contributions to their field,
- Have demonstrated excellence through awards and prizes for their scholarship, election to significant international scholarly bodies, publication in top-rated international and foreign journals, translation of technical papers or other materials into foreign languages, invitations to give named lectureships at foreign universities, service on scientific advisory panels of leading international agencies and NGOs, and like indicia (such as, in certain disciplines, citation indexes) of impact and reputation.

Please consult the full [RSC College member nomination procedure](#) for more information.

Expression of Interest – Preliminary Dossier for Internal Selection

Interested Faculty Members should discuss their potential nomination with their Dean and prepare their Preliminary Dossier using the templates provided (see attachments). Please submit the complete Application Form and Dossier to Ewa Stewart, Grants Officer (ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) by May 27, 2025.

Fellowship Nomination Preliminary Dossier

- Application Form with Checklist, signed by your Dean
- Short Citation – introduces the nominee and briefly summarizes the appraisal (70 words)
- Detailed Appraisal – a detailed description of the candidate's exceptional achievements and impact (1,200 words)
- Recent Tri-Agency CV
- Names and contact information of Potential Referees and a brief justification for why each individual is an appropriate referee:
 - 6 referees for Academy of Arts & Humanities
 - 6 referees for Academy of Social Sciences
 - 8 referees for Academy of Science

Please note: **Referees should be outstanding in their own right, with significant national and international reputations.** They should be experts in the candidate's field. They should have direct knowledge of the candidate's work and be able to describe the significance, impact and originality of the candidate's career.

International referees are valued, as the nominee's national and international reputation is a primary determinant.

Membership in the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists Preliminary Dossier

- Application form with Checklist, signed by your Dean
- Short Citation – outlines the candidate's original contributions to research and scholarship (70 words)
- Detailed Appraisal – a detailed description of the candidate's achievements and impact (1200 words max)
- Candidate Statement – a brief reflection on how the candidate plans to contribute to the College in the seven-year term (500 words max)
- Current CV (10 pages max)
- List of Names & Contact Info for five potential referees and a brief justification for why each individual is an appropriate referee

EOI Adjudication and Full Nomination Process

Expressions of Interest will be reviewed by a **multi-disciplinary Selection Committee** comprised of a few Ontario Tech full professors and Office of Research Services representatives (non-voting).

The Selection Committee will review the submitted Preliminary Dossiers and select the two most competitive candidates to move forward to be nominated for Fellowship and the two most competitive candidates to be nominated for membership in the College.

The tentative timeline for development of the full nomination package is:

| Application Development Step | Due Date |
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| ORS will notify successful EOI candidates | By June 23, 2025 |
| Nominees to submit a Full Application Dossier Draft 1 to ORS | July 21, 2025 |
| ORS will provide feedback to the nominees to revise their application | August 1, 2025 |
| ORS will reach out to potential referees. (Please note that we will send confirmed referees the first draft nomination Dossier to inform their reference letter.) | August 1 – September 15, 2025 |
| Nominees to submit final Full Application Dossier to ORS | November 4, 2025 |
| Reference letters are due to ORS | October 1 – November 4, 2025 |
| ORS makes any final comments and nominees make final changes to nomination dossier | November 11, 2025 – December 1, 2025 |
| ORS will collate the Nominee's Complete Nomination Dossier and submit to the RSC | ~December 15, 2025 (<i>RSC deadline hasn't been set yet</i>) |

Questions?

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