

PUBLICLY ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP TEAM AWARD

Terms of Reference

About the Award

The Publicly Engaged Scholarship Team Award is presented annually to faculty members who lead research teams of post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and/or community partners in recognition of collaborative efforts to combine their knowledges and produce an outstanding social impact locally, nationally, or internationally over the past five years.

Eligibility

This award is open to all tenured and tenure-track faculty members who lead teams of postdoctoral fellows, graduate student researchers, and their collaborating and partnering communities.

The University of Saskatchewan strongly encourages nominators to consider equity, diversity, and inclusion when putting deserving colleagues/teams forward for these awards. There is increasing evidence that members of four designated groups (women, members of a visible minority or racialized group, Indigenous persons, and persons with a disability/disabilities) are nominated at significantly lower rates for research awards despite substantial academic achievements.

We encourage members to think broadly about possible candidates/teams as well as the different ways in which excellence can be demonstrated by outstanding candidates/teams.

Selection Criteria

The selection committee may consider the following criteria in selecting the recipient:

- Evidence of influence and impact on public and/or social outcomes;
- Quality of engagement with community(ies) benefitting from the research;
- Quality of engagement with, and quality of training and mentoring provided to, students, emerging scholars, team members and participants, in the creation and implementation of the publicly engaged research (academic and/or publicly focused);
- Evidence of knowledge mobilization or knowledge transmission accessible to academic and public audiences over the past five years, including, but not limited to, scholarly literature, commissioned reports, professional practice(s), public discourse, public policies, products and services, artistic expression, collaborative engagement, social media and/or non-traditional mobilization strategies;
- Recognitions by professional societies, community organizations or other external bodies for the faculty member and/or the team, with emphasis given to recognitions for public engagement and impact.

The selection committee reserves the right to withhold the award if there are no suitable candidates/teams in any given year.

Selection Committee

The award recipients will be chosen by a selection committee that includes:

- Vice-President Research or designate (Chair).
- Two senior scholars experienced in community engaged scholarship representing the broad areas of fine and performing arts; social sciences and humanities; natural and applied sciences; and health sciences.
- Two external community leaders or partners.
- A graduate student representative and a postdoctoral fellow representative.

Nomination Procedures

Each year, the Office of the Vice-President Research will issue a call for nominations. Candidates/teams must be nominated by a colleague at the University of Saskatchewan and a community member. The nomination package must include:

- A letter from the nominator(s) describing the lead scholar and the team being nominated for the award. In addition to providing the names and roles of team members, the nomination should summarize the candidate(s)/team's research, scholarly and/or artistic achievements. The nomination should outline the local, national or international public significance and impact of the candidate's/team's work. The letter may discuss long-term efforts of the team, but the nomination should focus on the last five years of contributions to publicly engaged scholarship. The nomination should not exceed three pages.
- Current curricula vitae of the University of Saskatchewan team representative(s) in the standardized format required by the University of Saskatchewan. Though not necessary, a truncated CV focused on the last five years of effort is helpful for reviewers.
- Two letters of support. One letter should be written by a team member who has supported the scholarship of the nominee (e.g., research associate, collaborator, student, etc.). One letter should be written by an external community member, organization or other representative that attests to the public engagement and impact of the nominee's scholarship.