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Awards for Faculty Excellence Policy

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Purpose

The University of Alberta is strongly committed to excellence in teaching, research and community service. To celebrate the excellence of its faculty members in these areas, the University of Alberta offers several eminent faculty awards.

The purpose of this policy is to formalize the University of Alberta's recognition of faculty excellence in teaching, research, and community service.

Definitions

The attached definitions table outlines the terms used in this policy that are not otherwise defined herein and any specific rules of interpretation that apply.

Scope

This policy applies to all members of the University Community to the extent they are engaged in any activities or functions governed by this policy or its associated procedures.

Policy Statement

The University of Alberta will recognize the outstanding achievements of Faculty Members in the creation and transmission of knowledge by conferring awards on a regular basis in accordance with the associated procedures of this policy.

Definitions

Any definitions listed here apply to this policy document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use. For clarity, defined terms listed here include grammatical variations thereof.	
Faculty Member(s)	Any full-time member(s) of the academic teaching staff (Categories A1.1 and A1.5) at the University of Alberta.
University Community	Academic, excluded and support staff, academic colleagues and postdoctoral scholars as outlined and defined *in the Recruitment Policy Appendix A: Definitions and Categories of Staff*; undergraduate, graduate, continuing education students and post-graduate learners; emeriti; contractors; visitors; volunteers; and members of the Board of Governors.

Parent Policy Suite

- Centennial Professor Application and Selection Procedure
- Henry Marshall Tory Chair Application and Selection Procedure
- J Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research Application and Selection Procedure
- Killam Memorial Chairs Appointment Procedure
- McCalla Professor Application and Selection Procedure
- University Cup Application and Selection Procedure
- University of Alberta Distinguished Professor Application and Selection Procedure
- Vargo Teaching Chair Application and Selection Procedure

Related Links

- Collective Agreements + Handbooks (University of Alberta)

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