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University Cup Application and Selection Procedure

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Purpose

The University Cup is the highest honour this University can bestow on a member of its academic staff and is granted only to those individuals who have achieved sustained commitment in each of the areas of research and/or creative endeavours, teaching, and service to the University and the community at large over a substantial career at the University of Alberta. Thus the recipient of the University Cup is an established academic whose leadership and scholarly work has merited broad attention; whose teaching and student supervision ability is widely recognized by colleagues and students alike as exceptional and who has earned significant regard from the community which favours both the individual and the University.

The Cup itself is a sterling silver soup tureen that was used in the Athabasca Hall dining room. It bears the crest of the University and is mounted on a base made from a tree that was grown on campus. The name of the Cup and winners of the award are engraved on plaques on the base of the Cup.

The University Cup was created to recognize established academics with sustained excellence in and contributions to research and/or creative endeavours, teaching, and service to the University and the community and by this recognition to provide incentive, encouragement and guidance for others to make significant contributions to their fields.

Definitions

There are no definitions for this procedure.

Scope/Application

Compliance with this policy document extends to all members of the University community.

Procedure

1. ELIGIBILITY

   This is an award open to any continuing member of the professoriate at the University of Alberta (Categories A1; A2.1). The University Cup is usually a capstone career award.

   Acknowledging that this language is ever-evolving and that the listing of categories of self-identification that follows does not constitute commitment, expressions of interest/ applications from members of the following equity-denied groups is explicitly encouraged, including but not limited to: Indigenous peoples, Black people, and people of colour and non-white people, disabled people and people with disabilities, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, gender diverse people, women, and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the University.

2. SELECTION PROCESSES

   The award is adjudicated by a committee chaired by the Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives). The committee includes members who represent the diversity of the University communities in terms of rank, discipline, and demographics.

   University Cup awardees are determined by a process using the guidelines described in this procedure and as outlined on the Office of the Provost & Vice-President (Academic) website.

   Given historical candidate pools (largely lacking in diversity) for these awards, the Office of the Provost & Vice-President (Academic) will review diversity of the candidate pool. Based on the adjudication committee's review of the candidate pool, the Office of the Provost & Vice-President (Academic) may choose not to make an award in that year or to seek additional applications from excellent candidates from equity-denied groups.

3. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

   The following criteria will be used when selecting eligible applicants:

   a. Evidence of recognized contributions in their fields

   b. Evidence of sustained excellence in: research and/or creative activities, teaching, and service to the university and the community at large

   c. Evidence of an outstanding reputation in student supervision, mentorship and academic leadership

4. TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

   Normally, no more than one award a year shall be given.

5. VALUE

   Recipients are given a monetary award of $5,000.00, a replica of the University Cup, and their names are engraved on the base of the original cup.

Related Links

- Collective Agreements + Handbooks (University of Alberta)

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