J. GORDIN KAPLAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH
Terms of reference and application process

The University of Alberta’s most prestigious research award is named for the University’s first Vice-President (Research). Two awards are presented annually to recognize outstanding work in distinct fields of research:

1. excellence in general area of humanities, social sciences, law, education and fine arts and
2. excellence in the sciences or engineering.

The award recognizes and honours faculty members:

- Whose research contributions, and impact (both academic and knowledge mobilization/translation), add significantly to our knowledge base.
- Who are recognized nationally and internationally for their scholarly accomplishments.
- Who set a standard of excellence for other University of Alberta faculty, graduate and undergraduate students and the community-at-large, as they contribute to our mission of research For the Public Good.

Selection Process

The Office of the Vice President (Research and Innovation) [OVPRI] will review the candidate pool. If the pool is not deemed to represent the diversity of the research community at the University of Alberta, the OVPRI may choose not to make an award in that year or to seek for additional nominations of excellent candidates from equity-deserving groups.

The award is adjudicated by a committee chaired by the Vice-President (Research and Innovation). The committee includes one or more Associate Vice-Presidents (Research) and members from the University’s research community who are suitably representative of the diversity that exists across the institution.

Teaching will not be part of the evaluation except for graduate teaching and supervision relevant to the nominee’s research.

Application process

Faculties should nominate candidates keeping in mind the equity, diversity and inclusion principles in the University of Alberta Strategic Plan for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity, the Dimensions Charter and the Scarborough Charter. Each Faculty is entitled to submit one nomination.

Faculties are welcome to resubmit the name of an individual nominated before. If this is done, an updated dossier is required for each subsequent submission.

The following information must be submitted, in order, as part of the nomination:

- Statement describing procedures followed in generating the nomination, including the EDI policies followed during selection.
- Statement of the category in which nomination is to be considered and rational for the category choice.
- Brief one page statement why the nominee qualifies for the award, emphasizing their contributions to and impact on the discipline. Impact statements should include academic contributions, knowledge mobilization/knowledge transfer as well as their engagement with the community (through research focus/methodology, community outreach activities or other).
● Letter of recommendation from the Department Chair.
● Letter of recommendation from the Dean.
● Brief one page statement of how this nominee’s research program contributes to equity, diversity or inclusion in the discipline, university or broader community.
● Summary, for a multidisciplinary audience, of the nominee’s three most important publications, creative works and/or scholarly contributions. In the summary, include complete citation of the publication, creative work and/or scholarly contribution, and nominee’s role. Please limit each summary to a maximum of one page (three pages total). DO NOT include copies of the publications, creative works and/or scholarly contributions with the nomination package.
● A short biography of each external assessor for the selection committee’s information
● Three letters are required from external assessors in the nominee's field. Assessors should be experts with no close collegial or trainee link to the nominee from outside the University of Alberta. At least one of the letters must be from an international assessor. Letters should address the nominee’s suitability in terms of the criteria for the award.
● Current curriculum vitae listing publication authorship, creative works and/or scholarly contributions as the authorship appears in print (i.e., for multiple-author publications, nominee's name shall appear in the correct sequence).

Deadline and submission
The deadline for submitting nominations is 4:30 p.m. on September 30, 2022. Please submit the PDF nomination electronically to Leslie Parsad at parsad@ualberta.ca.

Records from this competition will be managed in accordance with the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.