MARTHA COOK PIPER RESEARCH PRIZE
Terms of reference and application process

This award commemorates Dr. Piper’s significant contribution to the research community while Vice-President (Research) and Vice-President (Research and External Affairs) at the University of Alberta from 1993-1997. The annual award recognizes two faculty members in the early stage of their careers who enjoy a reputation for original research and show outstanding promise as researchers.

Eligibility
Nominees must be within ten (10) years of completing a doctoral degree (or equivalent qualification). For nominees with an MD or DVM degree, the 10-year period begins after completing formal research training. To be eligible, nominees must have obtained the doctoral degree/equivalent (or completed their formal research training) on or after March 4, 2012. Nominees must also have a strong research record and demonstrate outstanding promise as a researcher.

The Office of the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) will consider extending the eligibility period for individuals who have taken leave (e.g. parental, illness, compassionate care or emergency) as needed.

Two principal criteria for nominee assessment are:

1. Quality of the individual's research and
2. Impact of their research on the advancement of the discipline; to date and in the future.

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

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 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.

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.
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 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
- Two 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. 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 nominations is **4:00 p.m., June 10, 2022**. Please submit the nomination as a single PDF to Leslie Parsad at parsad@ualberta.ca.

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