Early Career Researcher of the Year Award

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
The Office of the Vice-President, Research (OVPR) is committed to fostering an equitable research environment that provides equal opportunities for everyone and that respects and values diversity. Thank you for taking this into account when selecting candidates for prizes.

Award Description
The Early Career Researcher of the Year Award is presented annually to faculty members who have made exceptional contributions to research at the University of Ottawa. The distinction is awarded in two categories:

- Humanities and Social Sciences;
- Pure and Applied Science.

The awards consist of:

- a bursary of $10,000 to go towards the remuneration of a graduate student supervised by the recipient; and
- a partial relief from teaching and administrative responsibilities as determined by the Dean of the Faculty.

Eligibility

- hold a full-time tenured or tenure-track position at the University or a regular position at one of the institutes affiliated to the University;
- have obtained a Ph.D. (or the equivalent) in the past 10 years at most or have cumulated at most seven years in the first academic position (full-time tenured or tenure-track position). The eligibility window will be adjusted to take into account instances where a researcher has had an acceptable delay in research or period of inactivity due, for instance, to illness and parental leave.

★ Each Faculty can submit at most two nominations annually.

Evaluation Criteria

- Research excellence
- Originality of the research
- Impact (or potential for impact) of the research
- Scientific productivity
- Funding obtained from the Tri-Council
- Research Collaborations and Partnerships (or potential for Collaborations and Partnerships)
- Outreach and Knowledge Mobilization activities
- Supervision and training of students
- Contribution to the Strategic Areas of Research of the University of Ottawa
**Preparation of the Nomination Dossier**

Each nomination dossier must include the following:

1. A letter of nomination from the Dean of the Faculty supporting the nomination (maximum 1 page); this letter must clearly demonstrate how the candidate distinguishes himself or herself from his or her peers (Faculty and field);
2. A document describing the candidate’s research contributions (maximum 2 pages);
3. A curriculum vitae (OCGS format preferred), listing prizes and distinctions, publications, invited lectures, grants and contracts, present and past students supervised (undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, others), presence in the media, and participation to outreach and Knowledge Mobilization activities.
4. Two letters of reference in support of the nomination, including a short biography for each referee. The letters should be from leading scholars in the nominee’s field of expertise. One of the two letters should come from an institution other than the University of Ottawa or an institution to which the nominee was formerly affiliated.

**Resubmitting a dossier**

*A nomination dossier could be submitted for two consecutive years by updating the required documents.*

**Nomination Process**

Nomination dossiers should be sent electronically to the following address: [innovation@uOttawa.ca](mailto:innovation@uOttawa.ca)

Reference letters (hard copy or PDF format, on official letterhead and signed) should be sent directly to the following address:

Sylvain Charbonneau, Ph.D.
Vice-President, Research
Attention: Early Career Researcher of the Year Award (name of the candidate)
University of Ottawa
550 Cumberland St., Room 246
Ottawa (Ontario) K1N 6N5
[innovation@uOttawa.ca](mailto:innovation@uOttawa.ca)

**Important Dates**

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<td><strong>December 10</strong></td>
<td>Annual deadline for submitting nominations</td>
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<td><em>If this date falls on a weekend, the deadline is automatically pushed to the following business day.</em></td>
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<td><strong>March</strong></td>
<td>Decision and public announcement of the results</td>
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<td><strong>May 1st to April 30</strong></td>
<td>Eligibility period of the bursary (extension will not be granted)</td>
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**Evaluation of the dossiers**

Dossiers will be evaluated by two selection committees (one for each category). Each committee will be chaired by one of the Associate Vice-Presidents, Research.