WERKLUND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD

Description
The Research Excellence Award recognizes excellence in research by academic staff in the Werklund School of Education. One award will be given to a researcher whose work has had significant and sustained impact on educational practice, the researcher’s discipline, and on the community at large. The researcher will have shown exceptional leadership in advancing the research environment within and outside the Werklund School of Education, and through outstanding research accomplishments as recognized by peers nationally and internationally.

Eligibility
The award is open to all full-time continuing academic staff in the Werklund School of Education. A scholar is eligible to receive the award once in a five year period.

Rules and Guidelines
1. Nomination for this award can be made by a Werklund School of Education academic colleague or administrator.
2. Each nominee must display excellence in all three categories of the ‘Research Excellence Categories’ listed in Appendix A.
3. The nomination MUST include signed letters of support.
4. The nominator is responsible for submitting a complete nomination package to the Chair of the Awards Committee (AC); nominations will be accepted until May 3, 2021.

Nomination Package
The nomination package will consist of four parts, for a maximum of 23 pages:

Part 1: One nominator letter from a Werklund School of Education tenured academic member that clearly addresses the selection criteria and briefly outlines the alignment of the nominee’s research with the Werklund School of Education strategic research priorities (maximum 2 pages)

Part 2: One signed letter of support from former graduate students or post-doctoral fellows (individual or group letter) acknowledging the quality of mentorship they received (maximum 2 pages each)

Part 3: Up to two letters of reference: one from community and one from international referee. Letters should address the selection criteria (maximum 2 pages each)
Part 4: Nominee Information:

- A statement describing the nominee’s current research program (maximum 5 pages)
- CV (maximum 10 pages) that outlines peer-reviewed publications, awards and prizes; training, mentoring and development of talent (graduate students and post-doctoral fellows); and research contributions to non-academic audiences in the last 5 years. Rank up to 5 most significant contributions of career

Use 12pt font and single spacing for all documentation.
Submit all documentation in a single PDF.

Selection Process
All nomination dossiers are reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee, with recommendations made to the Awards Committee. All applications will be reviewed based on the criteria listed in Appendix A.

Recognition
One Research Excellence Award recipient will be announced and presented at an appropriate venue. The award recipient will receive up to $2,000 to be used (by June 30, 2022) towards attending a conference of their choice. The recipient will have their name engraved on the Werklund Research Excellence Award plaque on display in the Education Building. A letter will be provided acknowledging the honour from the Werklund School of Education.

Completed nomination packages can be sent to:
Werklund School of Education Awards Selection Committee
c/o Chair of Academic Awards Committee
EDT 1340, 2500 University Dr NW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4
c/o ingrid.hernandez@ucalgary.ca
Appendix A: Research Excellence Categories

Nominations for the Werklund Research Excellence Award are to be based on a nominee’s demonstrated excellence in all three of the categories listed below. Total Maximum 23 pages

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<th>Research Excellence Criteria</th>
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| **A. Innovation in research** | • Demonstrates outstanding research as evidenced by significant research accomplishments (refereed publications and presentations, invited presentations as keynote), and competitively awarded funding.  
• Engages in innovative research that leads to demonstrated changes in Education, impacts on theory and practice, and influences how research is practiced.  
• Engages in research that responds to the current challenges in Education, leads to improved models, processes and practices, and challenges conventional perceptions and conceptions. |
| **B. Leadership** | • Demonstrates excellence in mentoring students and emerging scholars.  
• Leads collaborative research teams and research partnerships across institutions.  
• Leads direction setting in relation to the mission of the School of Education and to the profession and/or external community. |
| **C. Impact on community and profession** | • Makes substantial contributions beyond the University to the professional and lay community through workshops, research-developed resources, public lectures, and research partnerships with professional and lay communities.  
• Contributes to the field recognized by community-based organizations through awards and distinctions, and significant participation in collaborative projects.  
• Produces research outcomes from the program of research that can be linked to changes in policy and professional practice.  
• Is recognized as an international leader by disciplinary, professional, and community members. |
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Only nominations that meet the following criteria will be reviewed:
   Part 1: Nominee and nominator information
   Part 2: Nominator letter (maximum 2 pages)
   Part 3: Signed letter(s) of support (maximum 2 pages each)
   Part 4: Nominee’s research statement (maximum 5 pages) and CV (maximum 10 pages)

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