EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER AWARD

Description
The Early Career Researcher Award recognizes the research contributions and promise of early career researchers in the Werklund School of Education. One award will be given to an emerging researcher whose research has had an impact on educational practice, has broken new ground in the researcher’s discipline, and has resonated with the community at large. The researcher will have shown emerging leadership in advancing the research environment within and outside the Werklund School of Education, and through 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 and awarded according to SSHRC guidelines. Nominees must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Have completed their highest degree no more than six years before the competition deadline (considering only the date of completion of the first doctorate); or
2. Have held a tenure or tenure-track postsecondary appointment for less than six years; or
3. Have held a postsecondary appointment, but never a tenure-track position; or
4. Have had their careers significantly interrupted or delayed for health or family reasons within the past six years.

A scholar is eligible to receive the award once in their career.

Rules and Guidelines
1. Nomination for these awards 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 (one from a former student/research assistant/post doc, and up to two from community and external referees).
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 2, 2022.
Nomination Package
The nomination package consists of four parts, for a total of 23 pages:

Part 1: One letter of nomination. Should clearly address the selection criteria and briefly outline the alignment of the nominee’s research with the Werklund School of Education strategic research priorities (maximum 2 pages)

Part 2: One support letter from a former student, research assistant, or postdoctoral fellow (individual or group letter) acknowledging the quality of mentorship they received (maximum 2 pages)

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

Part 4: Nominee’s personal statement outlining her/his research program as per selection criteria in Appendix A (maximum 5 pages). CV that outlines peer-reviewed publications, awards and prizes; training, mentoring and development of talent (students and post-doctoral fellows); research contributions to non-academic audiences in the last 5 years. Rank up to 5 most significant research contributions in the last 5 years of the researcher’s career (maximum 10 pages).

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 Early Career Researcher 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, 2023) towards attending a conference of their choice. The recipient will have their names engraved on the Werklund Early Career Researcher plaque on display in the Werklund School of 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 lauren.tokarek@ucalgary.ca
Appendix A: Early Career Researcher Categories

Nominations for the Werklund Early Career Researcher Award are to be based on a nominee’s demonstrated excellence in all three of the categories listed below.

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| A. Research Statement        | - Demonstrates emerging research excellence as evidenced by 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 emerging excellence in mentoring students and emerging scholars  
  - Leads collaborative research teams and research partnerships across institutions  
  - Leads and contributes to direction setting in relation to the mission of the Werklund School of Education and to the profession and/or external community |
| C. Impact on community and profession | - Makes 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 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 emerging 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 letters of support (former student/research assistant/post doc, community, external referees) (maximum 2 pages each)
- Part 4: Nominee statement of research program (maximum 5 pages) and CV (maximum 10 pages)

## PART 1: NOMINEE INFORMATION

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**EMAIL ADDRESS**

**DID THE NOMINEE RECEIVE A WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER AWARD IN THE PAST?**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, please indicate the year:

## PART 2: LEAD NOMINATOR INFORMATION

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED**

- [ ] Nominator letter (maximum 2 pages)
- [ ] One signed letter of support from a student, research assistant or postdoctoral student (maximum 2 pages)
- [ ] Up to two letters of reference (maximum 2 pages each)
  
  Nominee's personal statement outlining her/his program of research portfolio (maximum 5 pages) and CV (maximum 10 pages)