

## 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. The award recognizes an emerging research leader who has made outstanding contributions to research in their field and can demonstrate the significance and impact of their research

### Eligibility

- The award is open to all full-time continuing academic staff in the Werklund School of Education. Nominees must meet the following criteria:
- Have an early career stage equivalent to 8 years after starting their first independent academic appointment.
  - Note: As per SSHRC standard, the amount of time deducted for eligible leaves (i.e., parental, medical, bereavement, and family care) will be doubled, prolonging the period for which researchers remain eligible for this early career research award.
- An individual is not eligible to apply for the Werklund Distinguished Research Lecture award in the same year as this award.
- A scholar is eligible to receive the award once in their career.

### Rules and Guidelines

- Each nominee must display excellence in all three criteria.
- The nominee is responsible for submitting a complete nomination package to the Chair of the Werklund Academic Awards Committee (AAC) by **May 1, 2026**.

### Nomination Package

The nomination package will consist of the following:

- A statement describing the nominee's current research program (maximum 2 pages).
- CV including a list of publications, awards, grants etc. and a **list of the 10 most significant contributions or publications** with an explanation of why they are significant (one paragraph per contribution or publication). Maximum 15 pages in total. An **optional [Killam CV template](#)** is available (link will download a Word document).
- Up to two letters of reference, with a minimum of one from a national (outside of the University of Calgary) or an international referee. Letters should address the selection criteria (maximum 2 pages each).

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

## Adjudication Criteria

Nominations for the Werklund Early Career Research Award are to be based on a nominee demonstrating:

- Contributions and impact to knowledge and innovation;
- Successful promotion, dissemination, and /or management of research activities; and
- Training of graduate students and other highly qualified research personnel.

## Selection Process

All nomination packages are reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC), with recommendations made to the Academic Awards Committee (AAC).

## 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, 2027**) 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 [aeanceli@ucalgary.ca](mailto:aeanceli@ucalgary.ca)

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Nominations include the following will be reviewed:

Part 1: Nominee information (this form)

Part 2: Supporting documents

- Nominee’s research statement (maximum 2 pages)
- Curriculum Vitae including a **list of 10 most significant contributions or publications** with an explanation of why they are significant (one paragraph per contribution or publication) maximum 15 pages
- Up to two letters of reference (maximum 2 pages each)

## PART 1: NOMINEE INFORMATION

FAMILY NAME:

GIVEN NAME:

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: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED

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