BROCK UNIVERSITY

Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity

Nomination Guidelines and Award Conditions

Award Description

• The Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity is an internal award offered by Brock University since 1994 to recognize the outstanding research achievements, contributions toward the training and/or mentoring of future researchers and consistency in scholarly activity and/or creative performance.

Eligibility

- Members of the Brock University faculty are eligible.
- The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate distinguished research or creative activity (defined for this purpose to include those activities appropriate to the nominee's discipline and faculty).
- An individual may receive this award once every ten (10) years.
- A nomination shall remain in competition for two (2) years. The nominee must give permission to the Adjudication Committee for the subsequent years and may update his or her dossier. After two competitions, unsuccessful nominees may be renominated through the usual nomination process.
- Individuals must hold the award during tenure as Brock University employees.

Submission deadline

• March 1 of each year by 4:30 pm (no exceptions). If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, then nominations will be accepted on next business day by 4:30 pm (no exceptions).

Nomination procedures

- Complete the nomination form and submit it electronically to the Office of Research Services according to the instructions.
- Nominations will be forwarded to the Adjudication Committee after the receipt of external peer reviews.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Referees

- Suggested referees should have no conflict of interest and should be researchers of international stature who are familiar with the nominee's work.
- Referees are in **conflict of interest** if they (1) are affiliated with Brock University; (2) have a personal relationship with the nominee (e.g., close friend, relative, former PhD or postdoctoral supervisor, former student, mentor); (3) have collaborated (published or been a co-researcher) with the nominee in the past 6 years.

Adjudication

- The Adjudication Committee reviews all nominations, taking into account the reports from three
 external referees.
- The Committee recommends to the Vice-President, Research, one or more of the nominees for the award, but it is not obliged to recommend any in a given year.
- The Vice-President, Research, will make the final decision in consultation with the committee.

Adjudication Criteria

- Significant contributions to creative activity or research as documented by basic research bodies, professional/technical committees, and/or applied research organizations
- Documentation of refereed and/or significant publications OR of creative works or performances

- Evidence of consistent and significant contributions toward mentoring of highly qualified personnel, where applicable, e.g., undergraduate students, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers
- Consistency in scholarly activities or creative performance, e.g., publications and/or artistic
 performances, and funding from external sources such as granting agencies, foundations or
 contracts

Award and lecture

- Awardees will receive a diploma and a monetary award at a Brock University function to recognize their outstanding research and/or creative achievements.
- The award will be made available in the form of a research grant that will not be attached to any specific research or creative activity so that the recipient will have autonomy over the usage of the award money.
- Each recipient will present a lecture to the Brock University community.

Award period

• One (1) year