THE MCLEAN AWARD

Please review the following details for the upcoming 2024 McLean Award. Please reach out to stefanie.bernaudo@utoronto.ca with any questions.

OVERVIEW:

The purpose of the McLean Endowment is to support outstanding basic research at the University of Toronto in the following fields: engineering sciences, physics, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, and the theory and methods of statistics.

One McLean Award will be made annually in the amount of $125,000.

ELIGIBILITY:

All full-time professorial staff at the University of Toronto, who conduct research in the fields designated above and who are within twelve years of receiving their PhD, as of the date of application, are eligible to be nominated. The aforementioned window of eligibility may be extended if a nominee has experienced significant interruptions in their academic career. Please note that delays related to the Covid-19 pandemic may constitute eligible career interruptions, provided a clear case with specific examples is brought to the attention of the Secretariat in advance of the competition.

Final determination of the eligibility of nominees and area of research will be made by the adjudication panel.

The McLean Award especially welcomes nominations of racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. Should the nomination pool not be sufficiently diverse, the competition will be re-opened to encourage additional nominees from these communities.

In order to be considered for this opportunity, all nominees are required to complete the University of Toronto’s Employment Equity Survey, available through Employee-Self Service, by no later than the nomination deadline.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

Nomination materials must be submitted to the Connaught Secretariat (connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca) in PDF format as one file, using the naming convention LastFirst_McLeanNomination_2022-23. Please see the McLean Guidelines for detailed instructions.

As an applicant, you are required to submit the following information (a nominator IS required):

1. A letter (up to two pages) from the Chair/Director of the academic unit, or Dean/Principal of a non-departmentalized division.
2. A statement (up to three pages) summarizing the nominee’s research program.
3. A complete C.V., including a list of all refereed publications and research awards or distinctions and a discussion of the nominee’s three most significant research contributions.
4. The name, institutional affiliation, and contact information for three internationally recognized experts in the field (who represent no conflict of interest2 and can comment objectively), who...
will submit letters of support describing the scholarly standing of the nominee and the significance of their research program AND the letters of support from these three referees. Letters of support must be sent directly, by the referee, to the Connaught Secretariat (connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca) by no later than February 15, 2023.

The nomination package is to be submitted, by the nominator, to the Connaught Secretariat (connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca) by January 15, 2023.

(OPTIONAL) DIVISIONAL REVIEW PROCESS:
The divisional review process is designed to support and provide feedback for individuals being nominated for the President’s Impact Award. The process is designed and managed by OVPR and includes an optional review of nomination material by OVPR staff.

RELEVANT DEADLINES:

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