Call for nominations | 2017 Craigdarroch Research Awards

Please consider nominating a scientist, artist or scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to her or his discipline.

The Craigdarroch Research Awards were established in 2003 to recognize outstanding research, scholarship and creative contributions at UVic. Nominations for these awards are welcome from across campus in five categories, including career achievement, research excellence, knowledge mobilization, artistic expression and research partnerships.

For award category details, review the enclosed package. Please direct questions to the Awards Facilitator, Brad Buie, at awardfac@uvic.ca.

Award categories are as follows:

David H. Turpin Gold Medal for Career Achievement in Research
A gold medal will be awarded for a distinguished record of creative activity, including artistic expression, which has advanced substantially the discipline. This award, for which only tenured or emeritus faculty are eligible, honours lifetime achievement.

Craigdarroch Silver Medal for Excellence in Research
A silver medal will be awarded for excellence in research or creative activity, including artistic expression. The award honours faculty not more than 20 years from conferral of their final academic credential.

Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Knowledge Mobilization
This award recognizes a specific project, product, service or body of work that demonstrates excellence in Knowledge Mobilization (KM), defined as the purposeful communication, exchange and application of knowledge developed through an ongoing process of research and/or creative and artistic endeavour for the benefit of society.

Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Artistic Expression
This award recognizes a significant project or body of work that uses artistic expression to further knowledge or promote awareness of an aspect of the human condition.

Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Research Partnerships
This award recognizes research excellence, as demonstrated through scholarly contributions and societal impact, jointly achieved by a UVic researcher in collaboration with an external research partner.

Deadline for nominations: Monday, January 30, 2017
Terms of Reference | 2017 Craigdarroch Research Awards

General information

Documentation supporting the nomination should be written so that someone outside the nominee’s area of expertise can evaluate the submission.

Nominators are asked to limit nomination statements to three pages. Nominators are asked to maintain confidentiality for the duration of the competition. Nominations should not be disclosed to anyone other than the nominators, referees and nominee.

Deadline for nominations is Monday, January 30, 2017. Please submit in PDF format by email to Brad Buie at awardfac@uvic.ca. Nominations will remain active for three years; however, nominations will only be considered in years two and three if the nominator sends a note to the adjudication committee to ask that this be done and forwards to the committee an updated curriculum vitae for the nominee before the nomination deadline. An updated nomination statement and nomination form with new referees is optional.

Sitting members of the Craigdarroch Research Awards adjudication committee shall not be eligible to make nominations or provide references for any of the Craigdarroch Research Awards.

Award descriptions and nomination packages

David H. Turpin Gold Medal for Career Achievement in Research

A gold medal and $1,000 research grant will be awarded for a distinguished record of research or creative activity, including artistic expression, which has advanced substantially the discipline. This award honours lifetime achievement.

Eligibility:
- Faculty members¹ and emeritus faculty.

Nominations packages must include:
- A statement of nomination signed by two tenured UVic faculty members.
- A UVic CV of up to fifty pages in length (must include details of graduate supervision and training and mentoring of PDFs, research associates and others).
- A completed nomination form which includes the names and contact information of three external referees who will be contacted by the adjudication committee. Referees can be individuals who have collaborated with the nominee provided there is no conflict of interest², but they must disclose in their letter of support the

¹ Faculty Member is defined in Part 1, section 2, of the Collective Agreement.
² A conflict of interest is a real, perceived or potential situation in which an impartial observer might reasonably question whether actions or decisions taken by the referee are influenced by considerations of private interest.
nature and extent of their relationship with the nominee and comment on any possible conflict of interest. Nominators are asked to contact referees before the nomination is submitted to establish their willingness to write in support of the nomination. Referees will be contacted by the selection committee and each will be asked to include a brief biography with his or her letter of support.

Craigdarroch Silver Medal for Excellence in Research

A silver medal and $1,000 research grant will be awarded for demonstrated excellence in research or creative activity, including artistic expression. The award honours faculty not more than 20 years from conferral of their final academic credential.

Eligibility:
- Faculty members not more than 20 years from conferral of their final academic credential.

Nomination packages must include:
- A statement of nomination signed by two UVic faculty members.
- A UVic CV of up to thirty pages in length (must include details of graduate supervision and training and mentoring of PDFs, research associates and others).
- A completed nomination form which includes the names and contact information of two external referees and one internal referee who will be contacted by the adjudication committee. Referees can be individuals who have collaborated with the nominee provided there is no conflict of interest, but they must disclose in their letter of support the nature and extent of their relationship with the nominee and comment on any possible conflict of interest. Nominators are asked to contact referees before the nomination is submitted to establish their willingness to write in support of the nomination. Referees will be contacted by the selection committee. External referees will be asked to supply a short biography with his or her letter of support.

Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Knowledge Mobilization

This award, in the amount of $1,000 research grant, recognizes a significant project, product, service or body of work that demonstrates excellence in Knowledge Mobilization (KM). The University of Victoria defines Knowledge Mobilization as the purposeful communication, exchange and application of knowledge developed through an ongoing process of research and/or creative and artistic endeavor for the benefit of society.

KM applies across the academy and includes the dissemination of both basic and applied research as well as the full range of innovative, entrepreneurial, creative and artistic activities undertaken by faculty members. The concept of societal benefit resulting from KM ranges from advances within academic disciplines, to community engaged research, and to advances affecting wider society through social, economic, humanistic and/or
Eligibility:
- Faculty members and emeritus faculty.

Nomination packages must include:
- A statement of nomination signed by two UVic faculty members. The nomination must include a full description which documents how the nominee’s project, product, service or body of work exhibits excellence in KM as defined above.
- A UVic CV of up to thirty pages in length.
- A completed nomination form which includes the names and contact information of one internal and one external referee. Referees can be individuals who have collaborated with the nominee provided there is no conflict of interest, but they must disclose in their letter of support the nature and extent of their relationship with the nominee and comment on any possible conflict of interest. Nominators are asked to contact referees before the nomination is submitted to establish their willingness to write in support of the nomination. Referees will be contacted by the adjudication committee. The external referee will be asked to supply a short biography with his or her letter of support.

Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Artistic Expression

This award, in the amount of $1,000 research grant, recognizes a significant project or body of work that uses artistic expression to further knowledge or promote awareness of an aspect of the human condition.

Eligibility
- Faculty members and emeritus faculty.

Nomination packages must include:
- A statement of nomination signed by two UVic faculty members. In this nomination statement, it may be helpful to include links and/or references to the nominee’s creative works that the selection committee may access.
- A UVic CV of up to thirty pages in length.
- A completed nomination form which includes the names and contact information of two referees external to the University of Victoria who are familiar with the project or body of work and who can speak to its influence in the arts community. Referees can be individuals who have collaborated with the nominee provided there is no conflict of interest, but they must disclose in their letter of support the nature and extent of their relationship with the nominee and comment on any possible conflict of interest. Nominators are asked to contact referees before the nomination is submitted to establish their willingness to write in support of the nomination. Referees will be
Eligibility

- An individual or organization that is external to the University of Victoria (i.e., not currently employed by UVic) and a UVic Faculty Member or UVic team that is currently collaborating with the external partner or has done so within the last 18 months.

Criteria

- Demonstration of research excellence, scholarly achievement, or creativity and innovation.
- Quality of the collaboration, including: shared risk and reward; creativity and innovation; intellectual leadership; and stewardship of resources.
- Evidence of mutual benefit to the partner and to the university (e.g., increased engagement and/or economic activity for the partner; advancement of faculty member’s research; dynamic learning opportunities for students; training and employment of highly qualified personnel)
- Evidence of impacts on people, places or the planet (e.g., conservation of culture or environments; health of individuals and communities; public policy or discourse; patents, products or services with positive impacts).

Nomination packages must include:

- A statement of nomination signed by two UVic faculty members. The nomination statement should address the criteria above. The length of the partnership is not as important as its quality and impact.
- CVs of all the nominees (up to 10 pages each), or in the case of an organization, a profile of up to four pages detailing its key contributions. A completed nomination form which includes the names and contact information of one internal and one external referee. Referees can be individuals who have collaborated with the nominees provided there is no conflict of interest, but they must disclose in their letter of support the nature and extent of their relationship with the nominee and comment on any possible conflict of interest. Nominators are asked to contact referees before the nomination is submitted to establish their willingness to write in support of the nomination. Referees will be contacted by the adjudication committee. The external referee will be asked to supply a short biography with his or her letter of support.
Adjudication

The Craigdarroch Research Awards adjudication committee consists of:

- the Vice-President Research (Chair);
- a member who is a Fellow from the Royal Society of Canada;
- An emeritus faculty member approved by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance on recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee;
- a previous Craigdarroch Gold Award winner appointed by the President;
- and a community member appointed by the President.

With the exception of the Vice-President Research, committee members shall serve for three years, with one third of the committee being replaced each year after the initial three years.

The committee may, at its discretion, confidentially consult with experts in various disciplines with respect to the nominations.

The committee may elect to change the category of a nominee to another award category.

The committee may decide not to make the full number of awards in any year depending on the quality and/or number of nominations available. It also reserves the right to make joint awards and/or to confer two awards in a category.

Details of the committee’s discussions and deliberations are held in camera.

Selection Guidelines

The term "research" will be interpreted as the intentional process of study and creative expression that explores and extends human knowledge and experience.

The committee will take into consideration differences within the disciplines in terms of times to publication, nature of publications and scholarly works et cetera.

The committee will determine its own criteria for the selection of winners, choosing criteria that will assure the credibility of the award with the scientific, scholarly and artistic community.

Recognition

Recipients will receive their award annually at an appropriate public forum. The awards will be publicized by UVic Communications + Marketing.