

The University of Victoria

2022 REACH Award

Silver Medal for Excellence in Research

General information

The REACH Awards, created in 2017, combine the University of Victoria's campus-wide teaching and research awards into a single celebration of excellence. The research awards portion, formerly the Craighdarroch Research Awards, include five categories: career achievement, research excellence, knowledge mobilization, artistic expression and research partnerships.

Deadline for nominations is 4 pm on **Monday, May 16, 2022**. Please submit nomination documents as separate PDFs to the Awards Facilitator at awardfac@uvic.ca.

Nominators should write so that a person outside the nominee's area of expertise can understand the nominee's achievements.

Nominators, please maintain the confidentiality of nominations. Do not disclose nominations to anyone other than the referees and nominee.

Renominations in Year 2 and 3 are welcome and should follow the new guidelines for nomination components (below).

Silver Medal for Excellence in Research

A silver medal and \$1,000 research grant 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.

Eligibility

Faculty members and librarians not more than 20 years from the conferral of their final academic credential.



Nomination Components

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- A statement of nomination signed by two tenured UVic faculty members or librarians. This statement should include:
 - Descriptions of one or more specific activities that exemplify excellence relevant to this award. Creative and artistic works might (but are not required to) include images or links to visual or auditory media, for example. These should be appropriate for committee members using non-specialist equipment.
 - Awards, honours and other forms of recognition. These might include (but are not limited to) exhibitions; research, creative or research-creation grants; invited presentations; election to boards; prizes.
 - A description of how the nominee's work advances scholarship, art and/or societal impact
- A self-reflective statement from the nominee highlighting achievements relevant to this award (maximum one page, 12-point font, 2.5 cm margins).
- A CV of any length (must include details of graduate supervision, and training and mentoring of PDFs, research associates and others).
- A completed nomination form that includes the names and contact information of one internal and two external referees.
- Letters, signed and on letterhead, from the referees. Referees can have collaborated with the nominee, but they must disclose the nature of their relationship with the nominee and comment on any possible conflict of interest.
- A brief biography of each referee (maximum 250 words).

Selection Committee

The REACH Research Awards selection committee consists of five members:

- The Vice-President Research & Innovation (Chair)
- A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
- An emeritus faculty member
- A previous David H. Turpin Gold Medal recipient appointed by the President
- A community member appointed by the President

With the exception of the Vice-President Research & Innovation, committee members shall serve for three years, with one third of the committee being replaced each year after the initial three years. Sitting members of the committee shall not be eligible to make nominations or provide references.

Selection Guidelines

The selection committee interprets "research" as the advancement of knowledge through the intentional process of study, discovery, innovation and creative expression.

The committee will consider differences among nominees' achievements, including the various outputs and outcomes in their respective scientific, artistic and scholarly disciplines. It may confidentially consult with experts in these disciplines. Moreover, it may elect to move 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.

The Committee holds its discussions and deliberations in camera. The committee will meet in June 2022 and recipients will be notified in confidence shortly after that.

Recognition

All nominees will be recognized and recipients will receive their awards at the annual REACH Awards ceremony in the autumn, 2022. The awards will be publicized by UVic Communications + Marketing.