



Faculty of Health Lansdowne Scholar 2026 Guidelines

Background

The Lansdowne Scholar fund is provided by the Lansdowne Endowment managed by the University of Victoria. This fund generates approximately \$50,000.00 annually. While the majority of funds will flow to the selected faculty member who will serve as the Lansdowne Scholar, in years where a surplus of funds exists, the Dean may bring in a senior national or international scholar for a short-term visit, guest lecture, seminar and/or research dissemination.

Description

The Lansdowne Scholar Award is made available to one internal candidate who is a regular, tenured full-time faculty member in the research stream in the Faculty of Health. Applicants for the award must demonstrate excellence in research and significant impacts, along with evidence of recognition of their contributions within their field of study on a national or international scale. Excellence impacts and recognition can be demonstrated in various ways including, research impact, awards, publications records, grants, and community-based engagement.

The award is for a **three-year non-renewable term** and is supported through the Lansdowne Endowment Funds made available to the Faculty of Health. There is no financial remuneration to the faculty member awarded the position; funds received from the endowment are used to cover costs related to the release of two courses per year for each award recipient. To ensure equity of opportunity, the award will rotate between researchers engaged in different research disciplines. All areas of research and creative work are eligible for consideration, and diverse ways of illustrating impact and importance are encouraged. The nomination of the Scholar will be informed by the [Tri-agency Equity, Diversity and Inclusion \(EDI\) Action Plan](#) and [recommendations from the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment \(DORA\)](#) to ensure that EDI-related considerations are integral criteria used to assess research excellence.

General Guidelines

The term of the Lansdowne scholar shall be July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 and may not exceed 3 years. Researchers should consider this in their application as leaves will not stop the clock for this award's duration.

Two course buyout per year will be awarded to scholar.



The Lansdowne Scholars will contribute to the research culture of the faculty through knowledge mobilization/translation activities, e.g. workshops, collaborations within and outside our faculty. At a minimum, they will participate in or sponsor at least two events and/or outreach activities such as an endowed lecture or inaugural lecture, graduate seminar or presentation, or some other activity that features knowledge sharing and/or mobilization. The Lansdowne Scholars may be asked to attend donor events, write summary reports for the funders of the endowment, or participate in donor recognition events.

The Lansdowne Scholars shall work with the Dean, Associate Dean Research and the Associate Dean Academic to determine an appropriate title. In all correspondence and documents the incumbent title will be styled using this frame: “Lansdowne Scholar in specialization]”. If a Lansdowne Scholar leaves their position in the faculty, they forfeit their title as Lansdowne Scholar.

Nomination and Eligibility guidelines

- Applicants must be research stream faculty and have tenure in the Faculty of Health.
- Individuals may not already hold another special research appointment such as a Research Chair, CRC, Impact Chair, or President’s Chair
- Candidates must be nominated by a faculty member
- A Lansdowne Scholar is also eligible to apply for any other existing Faculty of Health grant opportunities.
- Calls for nomination shall be launched on mid January, 2026, with a submission deadline of March 31, 2026.
- Nominees wishing to be considered for the award need to ensure they complete an application form and provide two letters of nomination. One letter should come from a fellow researcher within the Faculty of Health, and another from outside of the University of Victoria.
- Please submit nominations to [Associate Dean Research Assistant](#) by 4:00 pm, March 31, 2026.

Selecting the Lansdowne Scholar

- The awards selection committee consists of: The Dean of Health, Associate Dean Research (Chair), Associate Dean Academic, and three research-stream professors. They will review, assess and develop a ranked list of nominees for the award.
- Appointments to the Lansdowne Scholar Award shall be made by the Provost upon recommendation from the Dean of Health.



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- The Faculty of Health Dean's Office shall keep a list of previous Lansdowne Scholars and their areas of research activity. This shall be reviewed in each cycle to ensure a diversity of researchers are considered for this award.
- The guidelines for this award shall be reviewed during each cycle (i.e. every three years). Changes or amendments shall be provided to the Faculty Council for consideration prior to adoption.



Appendix A: Lansdowne Scholar Application form

1. Letter of application cannot exceed 5 pages

- Name and faculty appointment of nominator
- Name and current faculty appointment of nominee
- Year re-appointed or granted tenure in the Faculty of Health:
- Area(s) of research interests
- Describe the scope of your current research and provide evidence of local, community, regional and national/international impact.
- Describe your research plan and objectives for the **three years** of the Lansdowne Scholar Award. Include details about conferences, lectures, or other planned activities linked to the Award period. Include information about impacts and efforts at knowledge mobilization. Also include work with collaborators, community partners or other organizations who may be important contributors to your research activity. What partnerships and collaborations will this appointment support?
- Does this award provide an opportunity to build upon or amplify a recent achievement, research activity or event that will enable broader public and professional recognition and engagement? If so, describe the benefits that will flow from receiving this award at this particular point in time.
- Describe how your activity as Lansdowne Scholar will align with University of Victoria Aspiration 2030 strategic research priorities.
- Describe how you will share your progress throughout the Chair's term; we are looking for ways that help us understand the ways you will assess, reflect and/or revise your activities to ensure goals are reached and activities advance priorities.
- How will you mentor or support junior scholars, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students? Describe how this award will advance your research and field of study.

2. Reference letters

Please include two letters of reference (one internal and one external) with contact information (1-page). The referee can have collaborated with the nominee, but they must disclose the nature of their relationship with the nominee and comment on any



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possible conflict of interest. The letter must express: 1) Explanation of relationship with the nominee; 2) Description of how the nominee meets the requirements for the award.

3. CV

A narrative CV, following the [Tri-Agency guidelines](#). The maximum length is 5 pages.

- 4.** Please submit the application as one PDF document to [Associate Dean Research Assistant](#) by 4:00 pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2026.