Purpose

The purpose of these Faculty of Human and Social Development (HSD) awards is to recognize the research contributions of HSD faculty. The four awards are:

- Early Career Research Excellence Award
- Mid-Career Research Excellence Award
- Indigenous Research Excellence Award
- Collaborative Research Excellence Award (*new this year*)

These awards will be celebrated annually and HSD faculty are encouraged to submit nominations for each of the four awards. This year's awards will be presented in-person at the joint HSD-IALH Research Conference "People, Place, and the Planet" on May 2-3, 2024.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Early Career Research Excellence Award

- 1. Full-time HSD regular faculty member within five years of their first faculty appointment.
- 2. Major contributions by the nominee appropriate to career stage, evidenced by:
 - Innovative inquiry topics, methodologies and methods
 - Being sought out as a partner in research
 - Innovative knowledge mobilization
 - Research informing professional practice and/or the development of resources, policies, and services
 - Integration of research into teaching and/or training practices
 - Engagement and mentorship of students and/or community members in research

Mid-Career Research Excellence Award

- 1. Full-time HSD regular faculty member between six and fifteen years of their first faculty appointment.
- 2. Major contributions by the nominee appropriate to career stage, evidenced by:
 - Innovative inquiry topics, methodologies and methods
 - Being sought out as a partner in or to lead research
 - Innovative knowledge mobilization
 - Research informing professional practice and/or the development of resources, policies, and services
 - Integration of research into teaching and/or training practices
 - Engagement and mentorship of students and/or community members in research



Indigenous Research Excellence Award

- 1. Full-time HSD Indigenous regular faculty member.
- 2. Major contributions by the nominee to their discipline(s)/profession/field as well as Indigenous Communities, Collectives and/or Organizations (ICCOs), evidenced by:
 - ICCO-led and meaningfully engaged research
 - Decolonized or Indigenized methodologies and methods
 - Research being useful to ICCOs
 - ICCO-led/-engaged knowledge mobilization
 - Research informing ICCO practice and/or the development of resources and services
 - Being sought out by ICCOs to partner in or lead research
 - Engagement and mentorship of Indigenous students and ICCO members in research
 - Integration of research into teaching and/or training practices

Collaborative Research Excellence Award (*new this year*)

- 1. This award may be given to an individual HSD faculty member or to a team of researchers.
- 2. The nominee must include at least one full-time HSD regular faculty member(s) who has collaborated with at least one external individual or organization to lead or implement innovative research. External is defined as a person or organization not within the Faculty of Human and Social Development, with preference given to collaborations with those outside of the University of Victoria . There may be multiple external partnerships, and the nomination should highlight the most significant and impactful partnership(s).
- 3. Major contributions jointly by the nominee(s) and research partners, evidenced by:
 - Engagement of diverse perspectives and expertise
 - Innovative inquiry topics, methodologies and methods
 - Innovative collaborative and/or integrated knowledge mobilization
 - Collaborative research informing professional practice and/or the development of resources, policies, and services
 - Integration of collaborative research into teaching and/or training practices

Nomination Process

- 1. A call for nominations will be made to all HSD Schools and faculty members.
- 2. HSD faculty are encouraged to submit nominations to one or more award categories, in accordance with the eligibility criteria specified in these guidelines to hsdadradmin@uvic.ca by 12 noon PST Friday, March 1, 2024.
- 3. Nominees MUST be advised of and agree to be nominated.
- 4. The nomination package will include the following:
 - A completed Nomination Cover Page (attached to these Guidelines).



- A 500 word nomination statement prepared by the nominator, highlighting the nominee's research contributions and evidence supporting the award criteria.
- For the Indigenous Research Excellence Award nomination, a letter of support from an ICCO member.
- For the Collaborative Research Excellence Award nomination, a letter of support from at least one external individual or organization
- A full UVic CV of the nominee.

Evaluation

- 1. An HSD Awards Committee comprising senior HSD faculty will be convened to adjudicate the nominations and determine the successful recipient of each award.
- 2. The Awards Committee will include the HSD Associate Dean Research who chairs the committee, and at least two faculty members representing two Schools.
- The Committee will apply the criteria specified in these guidelines for each Award category to determine the extent each nominee either meets or exceeds these expectations.
- 4. If Committee members are evenly divided on an issue, the Chair will make the final decision.
- 5. Details of the discussions of the Committee will be confidential.

Recognition of Award Recipients

- 1. Award recipients will be notified by early April and will be celebrated at the joint HSD-IALH conference to be held in-person on-campus May 2-3, 2024.
- 2. Each award recipient will receive an honorarium of \$500.



Nomination Cover Page

Award Category: Please select at least one of the following 4 categories			
[] Early Career	[] Mid-Career	[] Indigenous	[] Collaborative
Research Excellence	Research Excellence	Research	Research Excellence
		Excellence	
Nominee name:		Nominated by:	
Nominee academic unit:		Nominator academic unit:	
If this a Collaborative Research Excellence nomination, as applicable please indicate the name of the team and/or other team members, including external partners:			

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