Terms of Reference | 2019 REACH Research Awards

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 Craigdarroch Research Awards, include five categories: career achievement, research excellence, knowledge mobilization, artistic expression and research partnerships.

Deadline for nominations is Thursday, January 31, 2019. Please submit nomination documents as separate PDFs to the Awards Facilitator at awardfac@uvic.ca.

Nominators and referees should write such 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.

Nominations will remain active for three years. Nominations will be considered in years two and three if the nominator sends an updated curriculum vitae for the nominee before the nomination deadline. An updated nomination statement and nomination form with new referees is optional.

REACH Award for Excellence in Research Partnerships
This award, in the amount of a $1,000 research grant, recognizes research excellence, as demonstrated through scholarly contributions and societal impact, jointly achieved by a UVic researcher in collaboration with an external research partner(s).

Eligibility:
An individual(s) or organization(s) that is external to the University of Victoria (i.e., not currently employed by UVic) and a UVic Faculty Member or UVic team that has collaborated with the external partner(s) within the last 18 months. The partnership may be with more than one external partner but where possible the nomination should focus on the most significant partner.

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 Components:**

• A statement of nomination signed by two tenured 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 the nominees (up to ten 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.

**Selection Committee**

The REACH Research Awards selection committee consists of five members:

• The Vice-President Research (Chair)
• 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 Gold Medal Award winner appointed by the President
• 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. 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.

Recognition
Recipients will receive their award at the annual REACH Awards ceremony. The awards will be publicized by UVic Communications + Marketing.