

ENGINEERING JUNIOR FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

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BACKGROUND

Research in the academic setting is one of the defining hallmarks of the University. The Faculty of Engineering has many faculty members with outstanding international reputations for their contributions in research. Often these contributions are not fully appreciated outside of the boundaries of the discipline. The Engineering Junior Faculty Award for Excellence in Research will provide a way for members of the Engineering community to appreciate and celebrate research achievement of their most distinguished junior faculty members.

The Engineering Junior Faculty Award for Excellence in Research will consist of a plaque, a certificate and carry a cash award of \$1,000. The Award will be presented at a public ceremony.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Engineering Junior Faculty Award for Excellence in Research targets faculty who have demonstrated great potential in research scholarship by virtue of the exceptional quality of their contributions.

Only full-time continuing faculty members within ten years of completing their PhD at the time of nomination are eligible. Nominees must have between three and six years with Western Engineering and be at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor.

A faculty member can receive the award only once.

If there is no suitable candidate in a year no award will be made.

The nomination and selection process will be determined by the Dean of Engineering.

A committee appointed by the Dean of Engineering will adjudicate the award.

Nominations, in one (1) hard copy and one (1) electronic soft copy, will be received by the Dean's Office until 4 p.m. on January 31st (or the Friday preceding if January 31st falls on a weekend).

In all cases, it must be assumed that the nominations will be read and evaluated by persons who are not authorities in the particular field. The nomination package must include the following:

- a covering letter from the nominator, showing evidence of the impact of the nominee's research (e.g., citation index, technology transfer, patents) and explaining the particular significance of their research contributions (it may be useful to highlight a few specific publications or other contributions that justify the nomination).
- a curriculum vitae of the nominee (including a listing of recent awards);
- letters of support from both internal and external individuals including, colleagues, faculty/staff members, undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, etc. (up to a maximum of 10 letters).