

## **ENGINEERING AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

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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 Award for Achievement in Research will provide a way for members of the Engineering community to appreciate and celebrate research achievement of their most distinguished faculty members.

The Engineering Award for Achievement in Research will consist of a plaque, a certificate and carry a cash award of \$500. The Award will be presented at a public ceremony.

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Engineering Award for Achievement in Research is intended to recognize achievement over a substantial body of work at the University of Western Ontario.

Only full-time continuing faculty members are eligible for nominations. There are no restrictions as to rank (i.e. Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors are eligible).

A faculty member can receive the award only once.

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

At the discretion of the committee, nomination packages of worthy nominees can stand for up to 3 years. This decision will be communicated to the nominator and the nominee. The nominee can either accept or decline their standing nomination. Annually the nominator/nominee will be given the opportunity to update the nomination package.

The Award will be adjudicated by a committee appointed and chaired by the Dean of Engineering and consisting of the Associate Dean (Research) and four faculty members (appointed by Faculty Council) with one faculty member coming from each of the departments in the Faculty of Engineering, serving staggered two year terms, with the winner of the award from the previous year serving a two year term (the member from the winner's Department would then step down to keep membership at one per Department)

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 October 31<sup>st</sup> (or the Friday preceding if October 31<sup>st</sup> 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).