

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
Faculty of Engineering

ENGINEERING PRIZE FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH

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

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- The Engineering Prize for Achievement in Research is intended to recognize achievement over a substantial body of work. Only regular full-time 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.
- 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 seven copies, will be received by the Dean's Office until 4 p.m. on October 31st (or the Friday preceding if October 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. It would be appropriate for the nominations to include the following:
 - a curriculum vitae of the nominee;
 - a statement from the nominee showing evidence of the impact of their research (e.g., citation index, technology transfer, patents)
 - a covering letter signed by the nominator, explaining the particular significance of the nominee's research contributions (it may be useful to highlight a few specific publications or other contributions that justify the nomination);
 - any available evidence of widespread recognition of research contributions, including up to three objective letters of support (letters of support from Committee members will not be considered).