Overview
The Royal Society of Canada has established The College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. Member Institutions of the Royal Society are being asked to nominate individuals for the inaugural cohort of the College. In order to launch the College, the inaugural cohort will consist of nominations submitted exclusively by the 50 RSC Institutional Members. In subsequent years, the nomination process will evolve to also accept nominations from RSC Fellows, as well as from Members of the College.

Each year, a total of up to 80 individuals across the arts and sciences will be peer-elected to the College. In order to be eligible for electoral consideration, nominees will need to be within 15 years of the conferral of their PhD degree (or equivalent qualification). Members of the College will be named for a period of 7 years. At full complement, the College will consist of approximately 600 members.

Institutional Member universities are invited to submit nominations in proportion to the category of membership they have selected with the RSC. Universities (including York University) that have self-identified as “large” are invited to submit up to six nominations; “medium-sized” universities are invited to submit up to four nominations; and “small” universities are invited to submit up to two nominations.

In keeping with the mandate and mission of The College, the inaugural cohort will be chosen on the basis of excellence and, toward this end, will reflect the disciplinary, geographic, linguistic and ethno-racial diversity of the campuses and communities of new scholars, artists and scientists in Canada.


Major Awards Advisory Committee (MAAC)
The MAAC will be the primary review and advisory body for the inaugural RSC nominations. The Terms of Reference for the MAAC are available here: http://www.yorku.ca/research/documents/TOR-MajorAwardsAdvisoryCommittee.pdf

The MAAC will include researchers from each Faculty and a representative from the Provost’s Office, and will be chaired by the VPRI or designate. The MAAC will review draft nomination files prepared in the Faculties, provide feedback and recommendations to strengthen nominations and, where necessary, provide advice to inform institutional decision making on which nominations are most likely to succeed.
Nomination Process - Internal
- VPRI will host an information session on the RSC nominations.
- Deans’ offices are asked to submit up to the number of nominations outlined below according to the complement size of their Faculty:
  - LA&PS – 4 nominations
  - Health – 2 nominations
  - Science – 2 nominations
  - Fine Arts – 2 nominations
  - Glendon – 1 nomination
  - Schulich – 1 nomination
  - Engineering – 1 nomination
  - Osgoode – 1 nomination
  - Education – 1 nomination
  - Environmental Studies – 1 nomination
  - Libraries – 1 nomination
- The MAAC will review nominations and provide advice to the VPRI about which files should be advanced to the RSC in 2014.
- VPRI (in consultation with the President and Provost) will make the final file selection.
- VPRI and ORS will work with Faculty-based research support personnel, nominees, and ADRs, to prepare final documentation for submission to the RSC.

Nomination Process – RSC
- Nominations for the initial cohort shall be evaluated by an RSC Selection Committee.
- In the cohort of 2014, the RSC selection committee shall choose up to three candidates for each large institution, up to two candidates for each medium-sized institution, and up to one candidate for each small institution. In subsequent cohorts candidates will be selected without regard to the origin of the nomination.
- The RSC Selection Committee shall forward a list of candidates for appointment to the College to the Secretariat by May 1 of each year. The list of candidates must be ratified by the Council of the RSC.
- The chosen candidates will be informed and must consent to membership and the conditions of membership by August 1 2014 in order to proceed to being inducted as members of the College.

Timeline

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<td>York University Information Session</td>
<td>Tuesday, December 17, 9:30 - 11 a.m., York Lanes 280N</td>
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