

Memo

To: Faculty Deans
Cc: Associate Deans Research, Faculty Research Offices
From: Amir Asif, Vice-President Research & Innovation
Date: May 27, 2024
Subject: Nomination Process for Royal Society of Canada College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists

Please find below programmatic details and the internal process for 2025 nominations to the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) [College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists](#). This year's competition will officially launch in September 2024 and the following information is based on the last round of nominations. Requirements may change slightly from what is listed below, including the final submission deadline; please verify information on the program website after the official launch.

This information should be circulated to your respective faculty members.

Overview: RSC College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists

The Royal Society of Canada (RSC) was established in 1882 as the senior Canadian collegium of distinguished scholars, artists and scientists. The primary objective of the Society is to promote learning and research in the arts, the humanities and the natural and social sciences.

The College was launched in 2014 as Canada's first national system of multidisciplinary recognition of the emerging generation of Canadian intellectual leadership. The mandate of the College is "to gather scholars, artists and scientists at a highly productive stage of their careers into a single collegium where new advances in understanding will emerge from the interaction of diverse intellectual, cultural and social perspectives."¹

The Members of the College are Canadians and Permanent Residents who, at an early stage in their career, have demonstrated a high level of achievement. Membership is for seven (7) years. Up to 80 Members may be elected each year.

¹ For more details, please see: https://rsc-src.ca/sites/default/files/College_Guide_EN_1.pdf.



The criterion for election to the College is excellence, which is understood to encompass the goals of diversity and inclusivity to which the RSC is committed, and to which the membership of the College is expected to exemplify in terms of discipline, gender, ethno-racial diversity, Indigeneity, and official languages.

Candidates must be no more than 15 years from the conferral of the PhD or equivalent qualification. For the cohort of 2025, a candidate must have received his or her PhD or equivalent no earlier than January 1, 2009. The RSC will consider an exemption period of up to three (3) years for those who have had a career interruption for the purpose of maternity, childrearing, illness, or health-related family responsibilities. Where there are questions of equivalence eligibility, the Honorary Secretary will provide the conclusive determination on behalf of the RSC Council. Nominees may be re-nominated any number of times, provided they still meet the eligibility requirements.

The RSC's deadline for nominations is anticipated to be **December 1, 2024**.

Internal Nomination & Review Process

Nominations to the College can be initiated by Members of the College (Members), Fellows of the RSC (Fellows), and Institutional Members (IMs) of the RSC. In all cases, candidates are encouraged to take advantage of available University resources and to seek peer advice throughout the development of their nomination file.

York encourages nominations from equity-deserving candidates to reflect the diversity of our faculty complement.

Direct Member and Fellow Nomination

Individuals may be nominated by a Member of the College or Fellow of the Society, who need not be from York University. This nomination process does not require a York University internal selection process, although institutional support from the SIRI team and the Major Awards Advisory Committee may be accessed (see points 4 and 5 below).

Important considerations for Direct Member and Fellow Nominations:

1. The Primary Nominator need not be from the same field as the nominee.
2. There is no limit to the number of nominations put forward by Members or Fellows.
3. We encourage Direct Member and Fellow Nominations, as we see higher success rates when Fellow or Members are directly involved in the nomination.
4. We encourage Faculties to share the names of these nominees with the Strategic and Institutional Research Initiatives (SIRI) team, which can provide ad hoc support as requested by the nominee or Faculty.
5. York nominees using the Direct Member/Fellow route may also access peer review from the Major Awards Advisory Committee. To do so, they must notify their Faculty Research Office and Abby Vogus (avogus@yorku.ca) of their interest by **August 15** and submit their draft materials for review by **September 11**. See step 2 in the Institutional Nomination process for materials to be submitted.

Institutional Nomination from York University

As an Institutional Member of the RSC, the President on behalf of York University may nominate individuals for membership in the College. For such institutional nominations only, the process to identify and support these nominees is managed by the Strategic

and Institutional Research Initiatives (SIRI) team and includes a review of internal nominations by the Major Awards Advisory Committee (MAAC).

The institutional nomination process is as follows:

1. Faculties notify the Office of Research Services of their intent to put forward institutional nominations. Faculties are asked to email SIRI Specialist Abby Vogus (avogus@yorku.ca) with the name(s) of the candidate(s) no later than **August 15**.

The SIRI Specialist can work with nominees prior to the August 15 internal deadline and is available to consult on potential nominations.

2. Internal nomination packages are due on **September 11**. Details on the contents of the package are available at: <https://rsc-src.ca/en/college-members/college-nominations/components-nomination>. Faculties are asked to email SIRI Specialist Abby Vogus (avogus@yorku.ca) the following components of a nomination, which will then be reviewed by MAAC:

- a. A signed 1-page letter on Faculty letterhead from the Dean or Associate Dean of Research endorsing the nomination(s). This document should inform the multi-disciplinary MAAC about norms in the field related to publishing, research funding and other markers of accomplishment.
- b. A Candidate Statement reflecting on how their work will contribute to the College during the seven-year term (max 500 words English; 600 French).
- c. A draft of the Detailed Appraisal (max 1,200 words English; 1,450 French).
- d. The nominee's current CV (max 10 pages).
- e. Written commitments from at least 2 referees to each provide a letter of reference, along with a bio of each potential referee. An email from the referee will suffice (to be secured by nominee/Faculty Research Office).

3. MAAC will review internal nomination packages and provide feedback to nominees to ensure that nominations forwarded to the RSC are highly competitive.
4. Nominees will work with the SIRI Specialist and Faculty-based research support personnel (as appropriate) to prepare the full application package for submission. [Completed nominations](#) will likely include²:

- A completed Nomination Form, which includes a 70-word (85 in French) citation.
- A cover letter from the primary nominator (i.e., the York University President – to be secured by SIRI).
- Two signed reference letters on letterhead from a person of authority on the candidate and their field, along with a brief biography of the referee (to be secured by SIRI).
- A [candidate statement](#) reflecting on how their work will contribute to the College during the seven-year term (500 words English/600 French).
- [Detailed appraisal](#) (1200 words English/1450 French).
- The nominee's current CV (10 pages max).

² Please verify requirements for nominations. This list is based on the previous year's competition. New guidelines should be updated by the launch of the 2025 competition on Sept. 1, 2024.

Relevant Deadlines

DATE	MILESTONE
August 15, 2024	Faculties notify ORS of their intent to submit a nomination
September 11, 2024	Internal nomination files due to SIRI
Late-September	MAAC Review
Early October	VPRI feedback to nominees
November 27, 2024	Full application due to SIRI
December 1, 2024	Anticipated RSC electronic submission deadline
July 2025	Elected candidates notified by RSC

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