The mission of York University is the pursuit, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge. We promise excellence in research in pure, applied and professional fields. We test the boundaries and structures of knowledge and are a community committed to academic freedom and social justice.

The York University President's Research Excellence Award recognizes senior established, full-time, active faculty members at the rank of Professor, with distinguished scholarly achievements, who have had a notable impact on their field(s) and made a significant contribution to advancing the University's international reputation for research excellence while significantly and positively contributing to one or more aspects of the York community's intellectual life.

AWARD VALUE

One $7,500 internal research grant deposited to the recipient's generic research cost centre.

ELIGIBILITY

- This award will be conferred annually, on an alternating basis, between two disciplinary clusters—one year the award will be open to researchers in the disciplines or fields related to Engineering, Science, Technology, Health and Biomedicine (Cluster 1), and the next it will be open to researchers in the disciplines or fields related to Social Sciences, Arts & Design, Humanities, Business, Law and Education (Cluster 2).
- The Senate Committee on Awards will inform the community which cluster will be awarded by way of the annual nomination announcement. **For the 2022-2023 competition, the award is open to the Social Sciences, Arts & Design, Humanities, Business, Law and Education cluster**.
- Where there may be ambiguity regarding the (inter)disciplinary cluster, for example work in the areas of health policy, psychology or digital media, the nominee may include a rationale.
- This award is inclusive of all individuals with tenure-stream appointments at York.
- This honour demands sustained, outstanding and continuing research achievement of excellent quality.

- At least five years of that research must have been completed while the nominee held a faculty appointment at York.
- Faculty members on the adjudication committee are not eligible for nomination. A member of the Senate Committee on Awards who is nominated for this award must step down from the Committee.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

The nominee's achievements must be documented to demonstrate their fulfillment of the following general requirements:

- The nominee / nominator will determine the cluster that is most suitable to the applicant (see eligibility above).
- Nominees cannot be nominated two consecutive years.
- Faculty members on the adjudication committee must evaluate the nominations based on the preferences expressed by the nominee / nominator.
- The research should include contributions to the nominee's field(s) of scholarship at a high level.
- The research should have made a major impact on the related discipline or field of study and/or practice.
- The nominee should have an international reputation for research excellence and have made a significant contribution to the University's research culture and reputation.

Research achievement will have included peer assessment and will normally have entailed sustained publication or other internationally recognized and accepted demonstrations of authoritative scholarship or creative contribution in the field.

Nominees must have demonstrated their leadership not only as outstanding researchers, but also as notable contributors to York's intellectual community. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- mentoring students and junior colleagues
- leading a research centre or collaborative research program
- attracting talented graduate students or postdoctoral fellows to York
- building linkages with other institutions, such as universities, colleges or non-governmental organizations, or engaging in entrepreneurial activity
- building linkages with communities
- securing significant research funding for York
- making York a more innovative research institution

While the principal criteria are set out above, York strongly values diversity and equity within its research community and encourages nominations of those who are under-represented in recent competitions.

NOMINATION PROCESS

A complete nomination includes a nomination form, letter of nomination, nominee's current curriculum vitae, confidential letters of support (a maximum of three, at least one from within the York community). See below for more information on each component of the file.

PLEASE NOTE: The Committee shall, in confidence, provide a complete copy of the file to the Dean of the nominee's home Faculty and shall invite the Dean to provide a confidential letter of commentary on the nomination.

NOMINATION FILE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

This year, nominations be submitted via the [MachForm](#) available on the Awards webpage. The MachForm includes all the components of the Nomination File set out below.

Alternatively, nomination packages may be submitted to the Committee Secretary at awasser@yorku.ca. Complete files must be submitted by **Friday, December 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.** and include the following:

- **[Nomination Form](#)**
- **Nominator's Letter** – The nominator's letter must explain how the nominee meets the award's criteria within their field. It will serve as the core of each nomination file. It should outline:
  - themes and evolution of the nominee's sustained research contributions
  - the impact said contributions have made to the field(s) of study and discipline
  - contributions the nominee has made to furthering York's intellectual life
  - major scholarly, professional and/or artistic accomplishments
  - evidence of national and international recognition and reputation
- **Nominee's Current Curriculum Vitae**
- **Confidential Letters of Support** – A maximum of three letters of support, at least one of which must be from an individual within the York University community.

To ensure equal consideration and treatment of all nominees, **additional documentation will not be considered.**