

**YORK UNIVERSITY**  
**PRESIDENT'S EMERGING RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The York University President's Emerging Research Leadership Award recognizes two full-time faculty members within 10 years of their first academic appointment, 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**

Two \$7,500 internal research grants, deposited to the recipient's generic research cost centre.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- This award will be conferred to two researchers annually.
- One award will be made to a researcher in the disciplines or fields related to Engineering, Science, Technology, Health and Biomedicine (Cluster 1), and a second award will be made to a researcher in the disciplines or fields related to Social Sciences, Arts & Design, Humanities, Business, Law and Education (Cluster 2).
- 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 who are between five and 10 years of their first academic appointment.
- It demands outstanding emerging research achievement providing the promise of long-term leadership in their field.
- At least five years of that research must have been completed while the nominees have 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 for the applicant (see eligibility above).
- Nominations may occur in consecutive years however, if the nominee wishes to change their disciplinary cluster then they must wait an additional year to submit a nomination.

- 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 hold the promise of major impact on the related discipline or field of study and/or practice.
- The nominees should be developing 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 have entailed 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 emerging researchers, but also as notable contributors to York's intellectual community.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- mentoring students, postdoctoral fellows and contributing critical input in the assistance of colleagues
- on a pathway towards leadership of collaborative research programs or research centres
- attracting talented graduate students or postdoctoral fellows to York
- building links with other institutions, such as universities, colleges or non-governmental organizations and/or engaging in entrepreneurial activities
- building links with communities
- securing significant external 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.

## **CAREER INTERRUPTIONS**

When considering award nominations, the Senate Committee on Awards will take into consideration any career interruptions or special circumstances that may affect a nominee's eligibility or have had an adverse impact on their record of achievement. The nature and length of the interruption should be explained. A career interruption occurs when a nominee is taken away from their academic work for an extended period of time for health, family, or other reasons. Acceptance of non-academic employment does not constitute a career interruption or special circumstance.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

A complete nomination includes a nomination form, letter of nomination, nominee's current curriculum vitae, and 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.

## **NOMINATION FILE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

Nominations are to be submitted via the [MachForm](#) available on the Awards webpage. The MachForm includes all the components of the Nomination File set out below.

Complete files must be submitted by **Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.** and include the following:

- **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.**

For specific questions, contact the Committee Secretary at [jpratt@yorku.ca](mailto:jpratt@yorku.ca).