



THE TEACHING AWARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

The Teaching Award recognizes exemplary contribution to the teaching and learning of the engineering and geoscience at Memorial University. The award has the objective of encouraging excellence in the current teaching of engineering and geoscience.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must meet the following requirements:

- Be a professional engineer (P.Eng.) or professional geoscientist (P.Geo.) and be a member in good standing with PEGNL.
- Be a full-time, part-time or adjunct faculty member at Memorial University.

Nomination Procedures

The Awards Committee will set the closing date for receipt of nominations each year and the Chief Executive Officer will forward the call for nominations to the members. The closing date will normally be on or before February 28th.

- Nominations should normally be supported and submitted to the Awards Committee; however, the Awards Committee may also select nominees independently.
- Each nomination shall be accompanied by a description of the work and achievements of the nominee for the award, together with supporting evidence for committee consideration.

Selection Criteria

The criteria for the award are weighted heavily toward personal teaching effectiveness. They invite evidence of distinguished contributions by the nominee to the learning environment for engineering or geoscience students. The criteria also invite evidence of a leadership role by the nominee in the improvement of engineering or geoscience education beyond the nominee's own courses, including the improvement of pedagogy and service to students and peers. Finally, they invite evidence of outreach and continuing education activity directed toward the improvement of engineering or geoscience education.

Nominees will be considered for achievement and undertakings as follows:

- Impact of Teaching (40%).
- Contributions to Education demonstrating that the nominee has played a leadership role in the development of university teaching and learning beyond the nominee's own courses. (10%)
- Contributions to Outreach demonstrating that the nominee has played a leadership role in their commitment to the development and growth of the Canadian engineering or geoscience professions and engineering or geoscience education programs. (10%)
- Service to Students demonstrating that the nominee has played a leadership role in their commitment to the development and growth of the university students. (40%)

Award Procedure

- Recipients are selected by the Awards Committee for recommendation to the PEGNL Board of Directors.
- The Awards Committee has the authority to determine whether or not a nomination is to be advanced to the PEGNL Board of Directors after reviewing all applications for the award
- At the discretion of the Awards Committee, a maximum of two nominations, preferably one each for an engineer and geoscientist may be brought forward for consideration per year.

Announcement

Recipients will be notified by telephone and in writing.

The Teaching Award is presented by PEGNL during its annual conference and general meeting.

Award recipients should agree to standard publicity notification.

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